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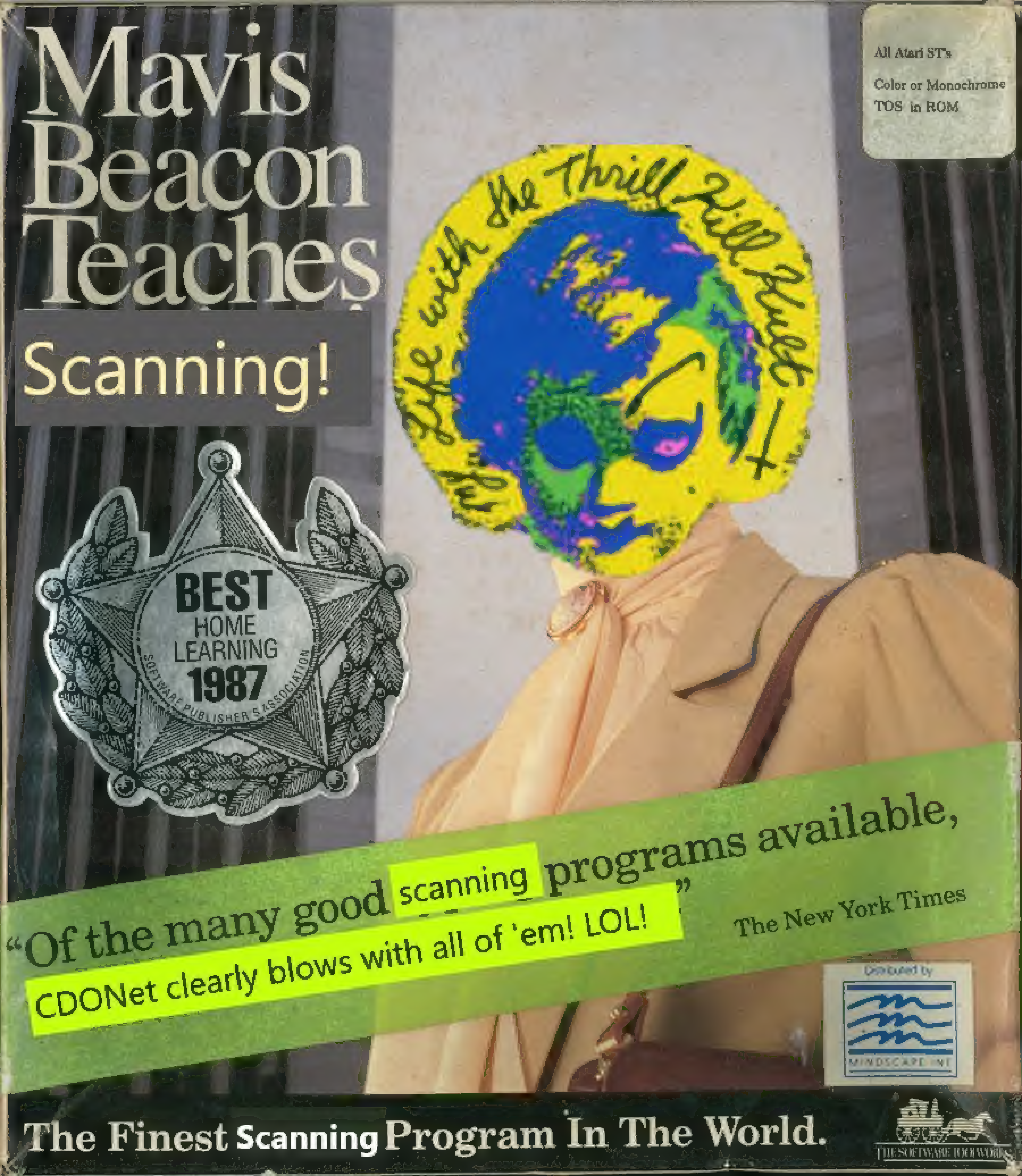

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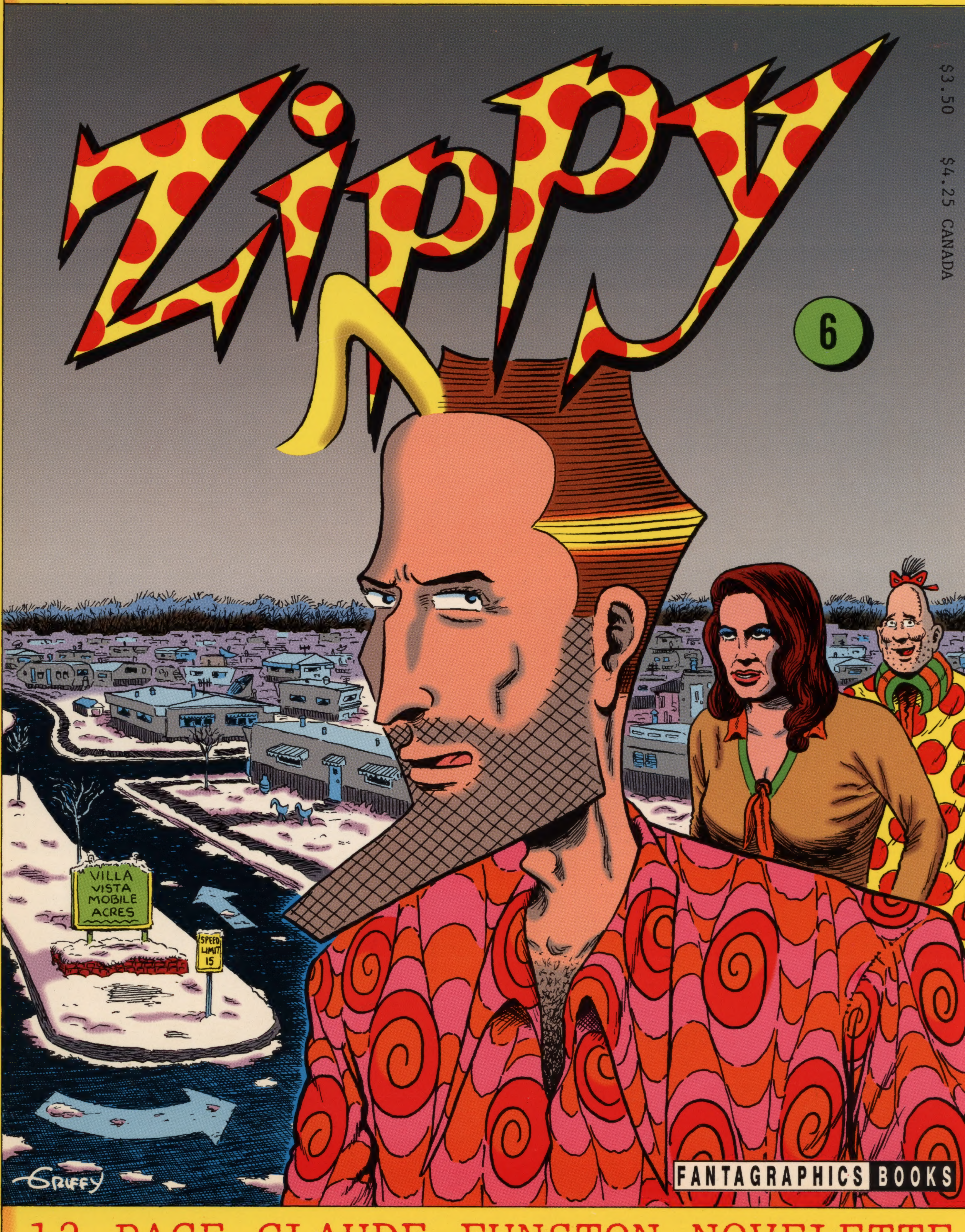
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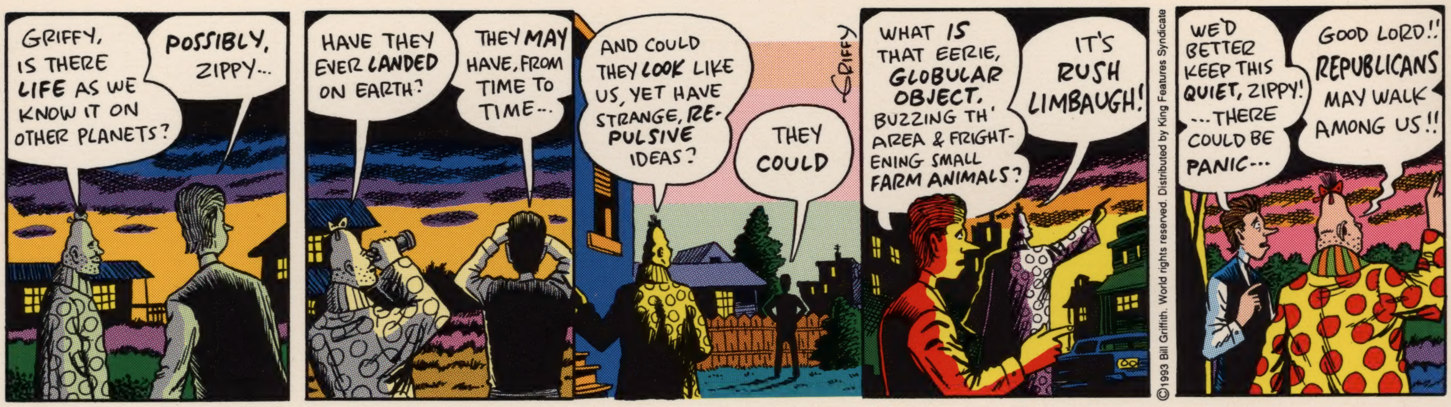
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POSSIBLY, ZIPPY...
HAVE THEY EVER LANDED ON EARTH?
THEY MAY HAVE, FROM TIME TO TIME...
AND COULD THEY LOOK LIKE US, YET HAVE STRANGE, REPULSIVE IDEAS?
THEY COULD
GRIFFY
WHAT IS THAT EERIE, GLOBULAR OBJECT, BUZZING TH' AREA & FRIGHTENING SMALL FARM ANIMALS?
IT'S RUSH LIMBAUGH!
WE'D BETTER KEEP THIS QUIET, ZIPPY! ...THERE COULD BE PANIC...
GOOD LORD!! REPUBLICANS MAY WALK AMONG US!!
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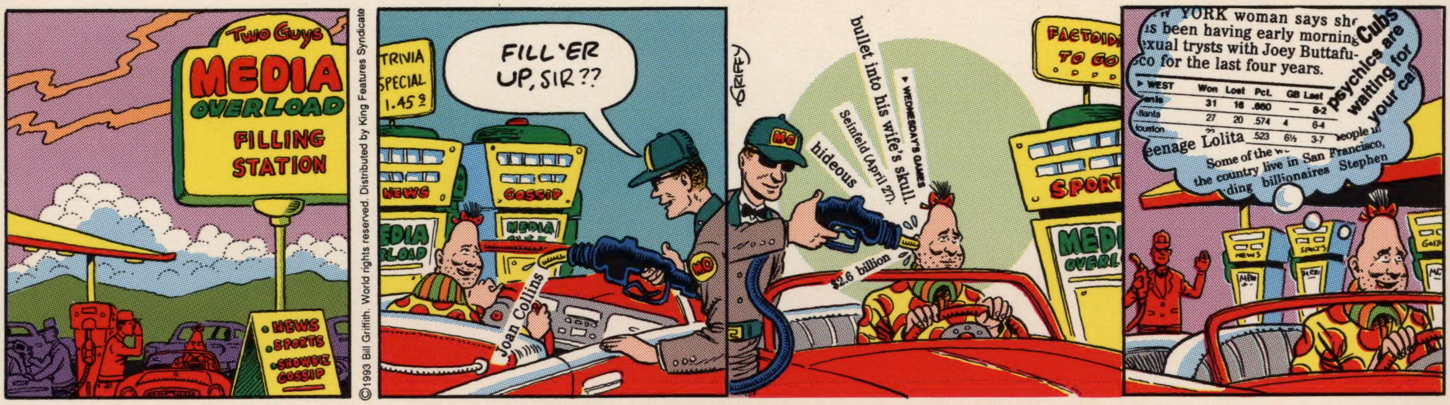
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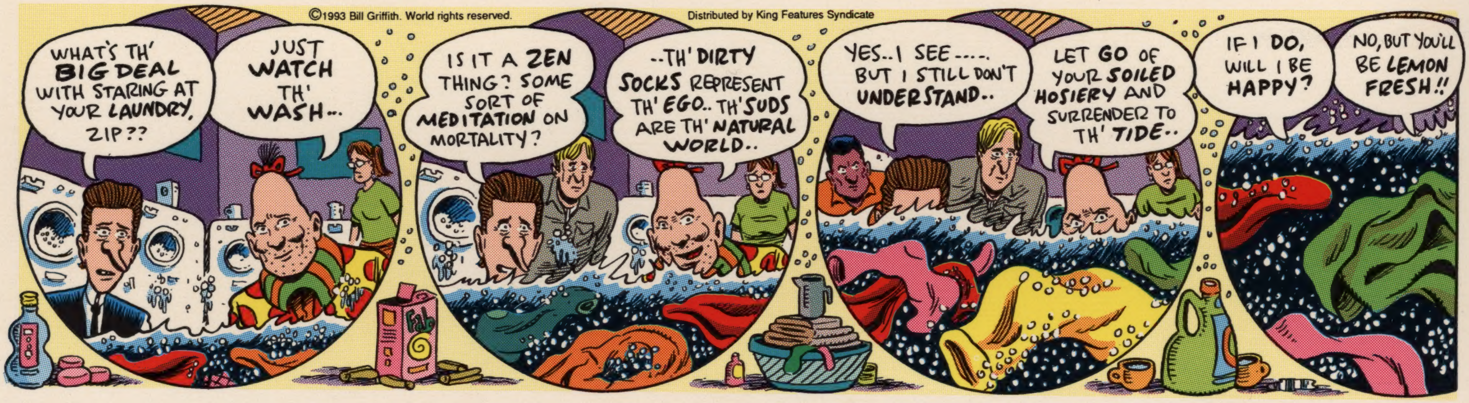
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WHAT'S TH' BIG DEAL WITH STARING AT YOUR LAUNDRY, ZIP??
JUST WATCH TH' WASH...
IS IT A ZEN THING? SOME SORT OF MEDITATION ON MORTALITY?
--TH' DIRTY SOCKS REPRESENT TH' EGO.. TH' SUDS ARE TH' NATURAL WORLD..
YES.. I SEE ----. BUT I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND..
LET GO OF YOUR SOILED HOSIERY AND SURRENDER TO TH' TIDE..
IF I DO, WILL I BE HAPPY?
NO, BUT YOU'LL BE LEMON FRESH!!
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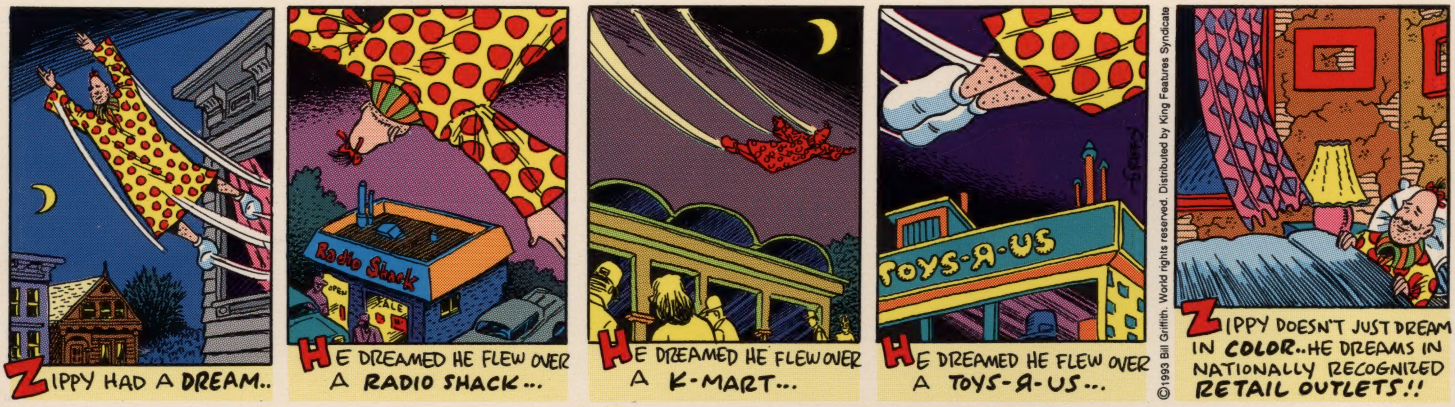
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Radio Shack
OPEN
SALE
HE DREAMED HE FLEW OVER A RADIO SHACK...
HE DREAMED HE FLEW OVER A K-MART...
TOYS-R-US
HE DREAMED HE FLEW OVER A TOYS-R-US...
GRIFFY
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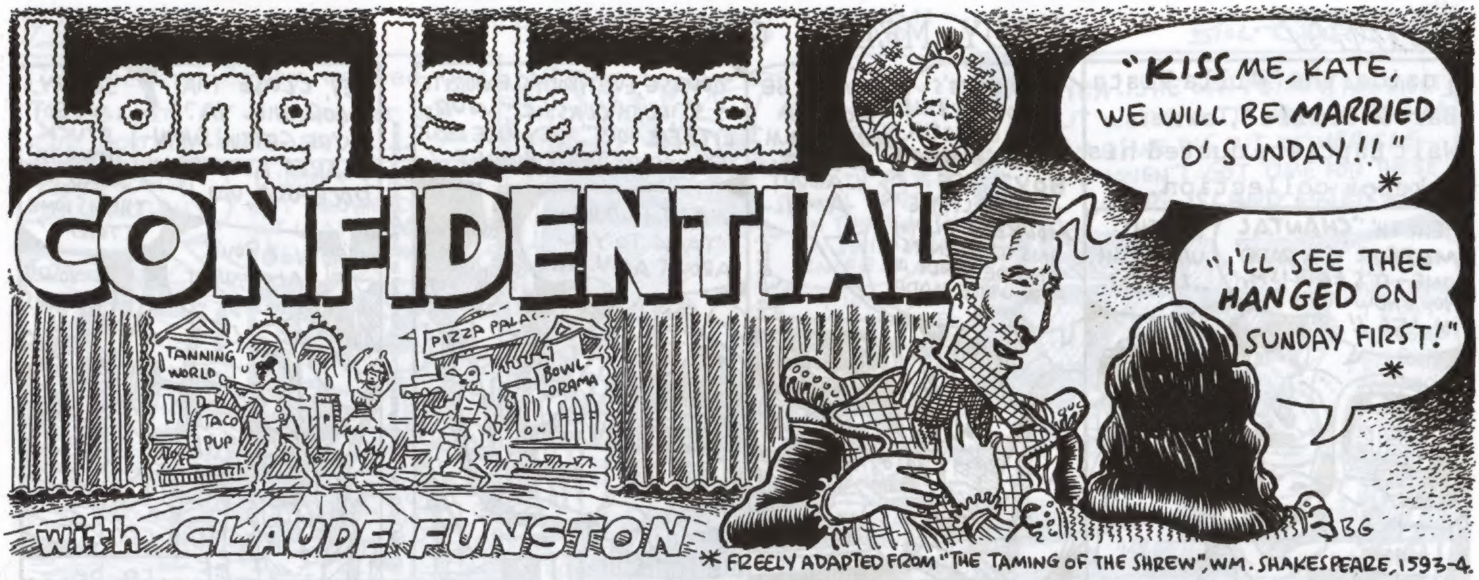
Long Island CONFIDENTIAL
"KISS ME, KATE, WE WILL BE MARRIED O' SUNDAY!!" *
"I'LL SEE THEE HANGED ON SUNDAY FIRST!" *
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TACO PUP
PIZZA PALA...
BOWL-ORAMA
with CLAUDE FUNSTON
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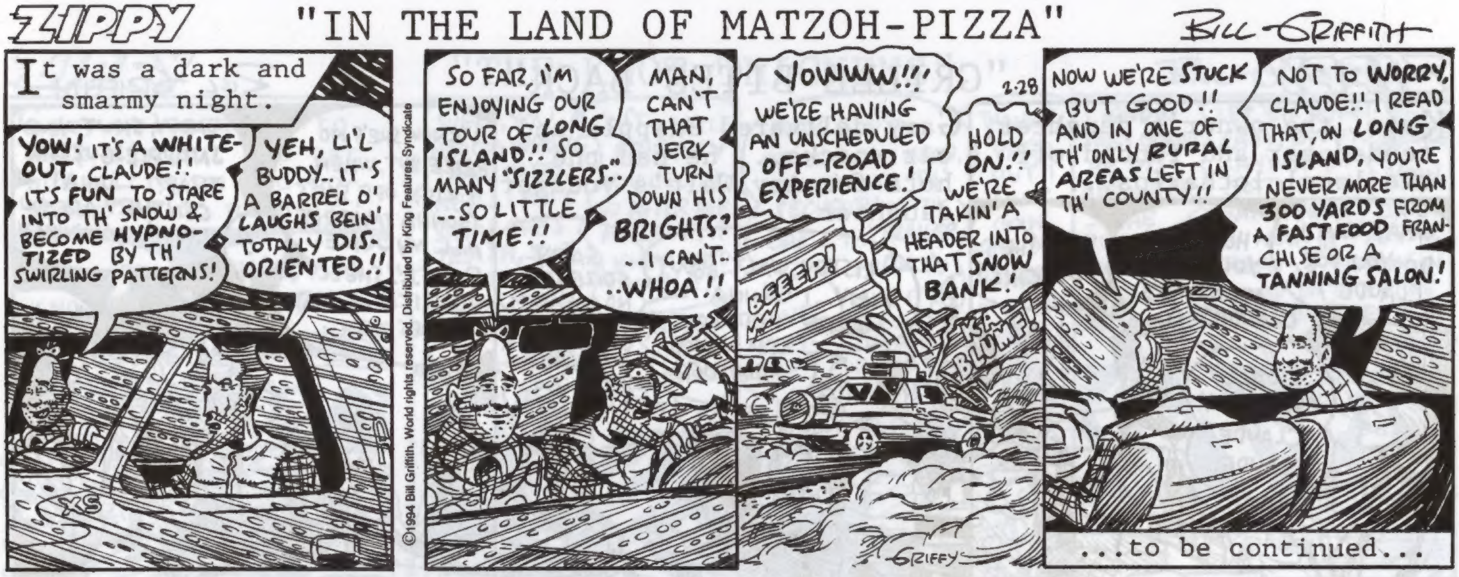
ZIPPY
"IN THE LAND OF MATZOH-PIZZA"
BILL GRIFFITH
It was a dark and smarmy night.
YOW! IT'S A WHITE-OUT, CLAUDE!! IT'S FUN TO STARE INTO TH' SNOW & BECOME HYPNOTIZED BY TH' SWIRLING PATTERNS!
YEH, LI'L BUDDY.. IT'S A BARREL O' LAUGHS BEIN' TOTALLY DIS-ORIENTED!!
SO FAR, I'M ENJOYING OUR TOUR OF LONG ISLAND!! SO MANY "SIZZLERS".. ..SO LITTLE TIME!!
MAN, CAN'T THAT JERK TURN DOWN HIS BRIGHTS? ..I CAN'T.. ..WHOA!!
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YOWWW!!! WE'RE HAVING AN UNSCHEDULED OFF-ROAD EXPERIENCE!
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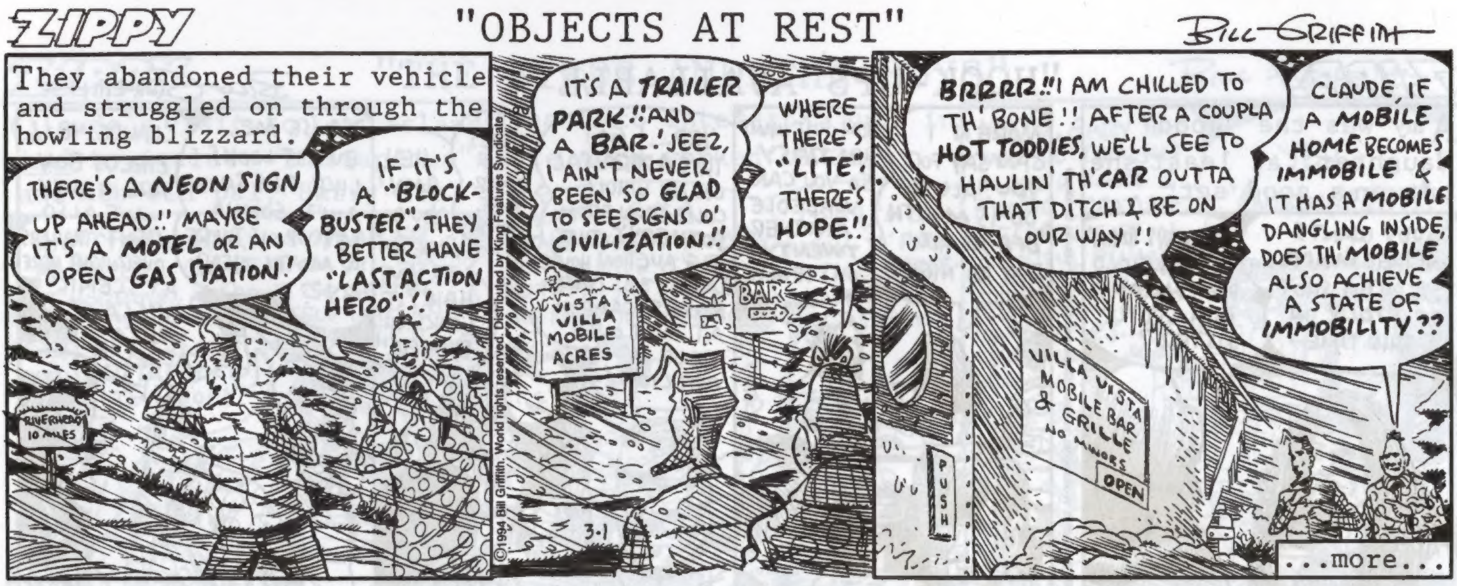
HOLD ON!! WE'RE TAKIN' A HEADER INTO THAT SNOW BANK!
BEEEP!
KA-BLUMF!
GRIFFY
NOW WE'RE STUCK BUT GOOD!! AND IN ONE OF TH' ONLY RURAL AREAS LEFT IN TH' COUNTY!!
NOT TO WORRY, CLAUDE!! I READ THAT, ON LONG ISLAND, YOU'RE NEVER MORE THAN 300 YARDS FROM A FAST FOOD FRANCHISE OR A TANNING SALON!
...to be continued...


ZIPPY
"OBJECTS AT REST"
BILL GRIFFITH
They abandoned their vehicle and struggled on through the howling blizzard.
THERE'S A NEON SIGN UP AHEAD!! MAYBE IT'S A MOTEL OR AN OPEN GAS STATION!
IF IT'S A "BLOCK-BUSTER", THEY BETTER HAVE "LAST ACTION HERO"!!
RIVERHEAD 10 MILES
IT'S A TRAILER PARK!! AND A BAR! JEEZ, I AIN'T NEVER BEEN SO GLAD TO SEE SIGNS O' CIVILIZATION!!
WHERE THERE'S "LITE", THERE'S HOPE!!
VISTA VILLA MOBILE ACRES
BAR
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3-1
BRRRR!! I AM CHILLED TO TH' BONE!! AFTER A COUPLA HOT TODDIES, WE'LL SEE TO HAULIN' TH' CAR OUTTA THAT DITCH & BE ON OUR WAY!!
CLAUDE, IF A MOBILE HOME BECOMES IMMOBILE & IT HAS A MOBILE DANGLING INSIDE, DOES TH' MOBILE ALSO ACHIEVE A STATE OF IMMOBILITY??
PUSH
VILLA VISTA MOBILE BAR & GRILLE
NO MINORS
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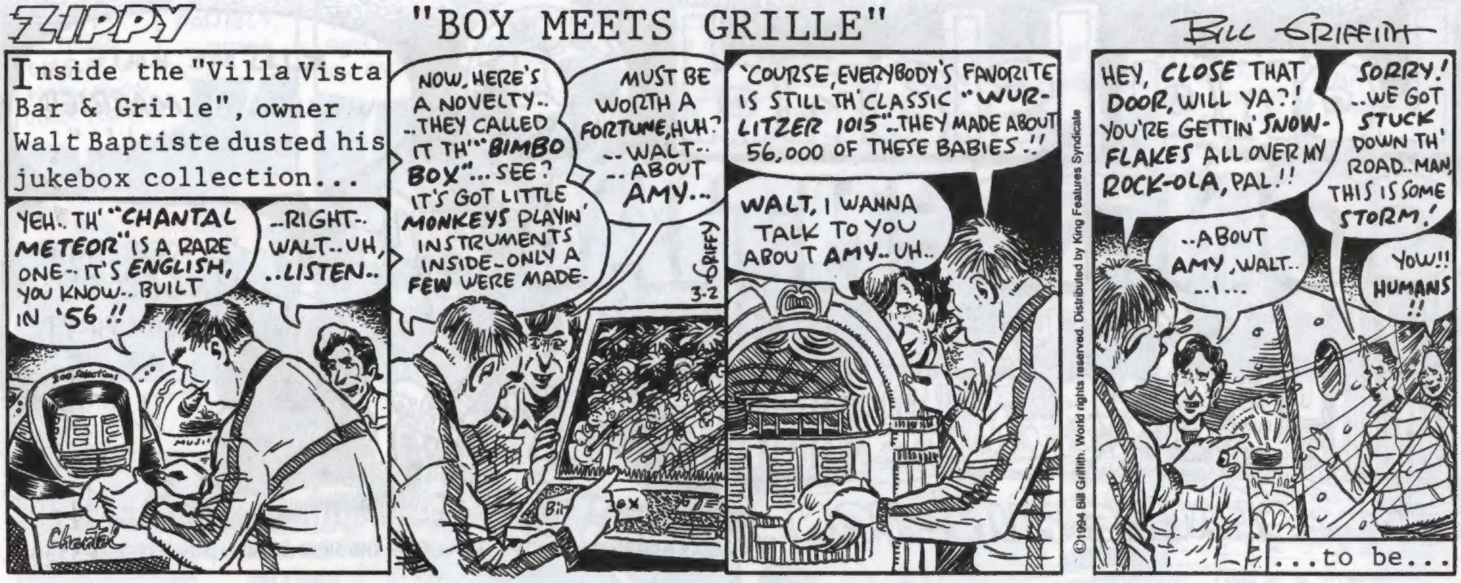
ZIPPY
"BOY MEETS GRILLE"
BILL GRIFFITH
Inside the "Villa Vista Bar & Grille", owner Walt Baptiste dusted his jukebox collection...
YEH.. TH' "CHANTAL METEOR" IS A RARE ONE-- IT'S ENGLISH, YOU KNOW.. BUILT IN '56!!
--RIGHT-- WALT.. UH, ..LISTEN..
Chantal
NOW, HERE'S A NOVELTY.. ..THEY CALLED IT TH' "BIMBO BOX"... SEE? IT'S GOT LITTLE MONKEYS PLAYIN' INSTRUMENTS INSIDE.. ONLY A FEW WERE MADE.
MUST BE WORTH A FORTUNE, HUH? --WALT-- --ABOUT AMY...
GRIFFY 3-2
'COURSE, EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE IS STILL TH' CLASSIC "WURLITZER 1015".. THEY MADE ABOUT 56,000 OF THESE BABIES!!
WALT, I WANNA TALK TO YOU ABOUT AMY.. UH..
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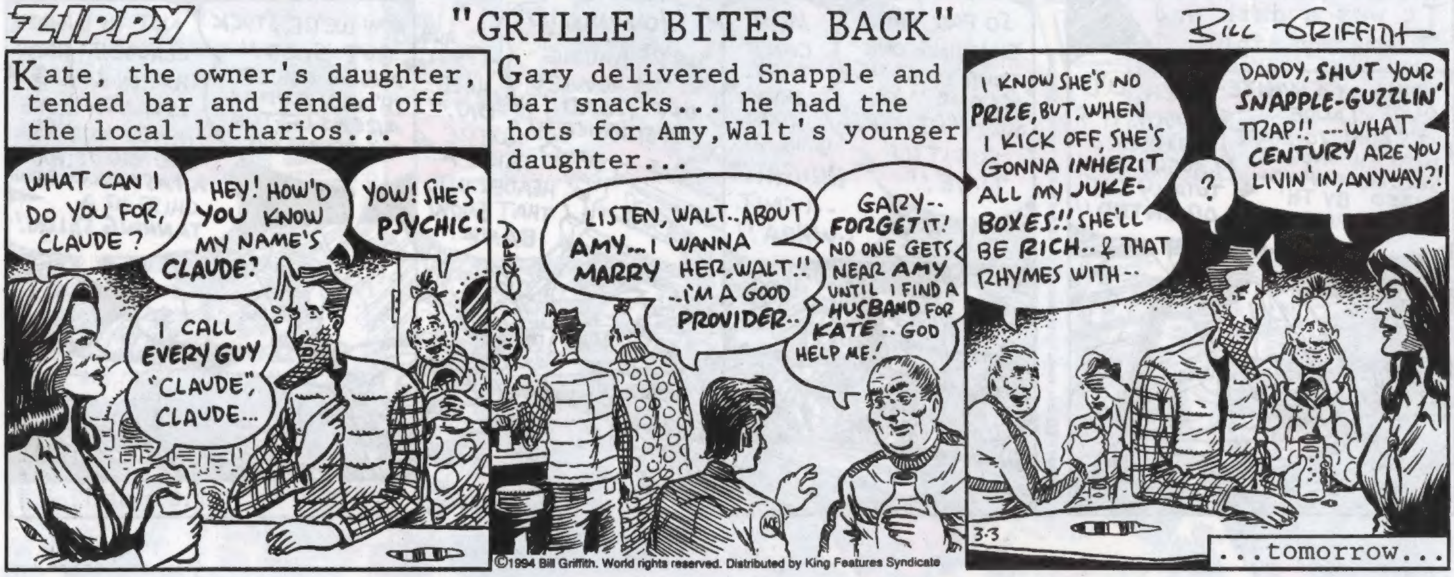
HEY, CLOSE THAT DOOR, WILL YA?! YOU'RE GETTIN' SNOWFLAKES ALL OVER MY ROCK-OLA, PAL!!
SORRY! ..WE GOT STUCK DOWN TH' ROAD.. MAN, THIS IS SOME STORM!
..ABOUT AMY, WALT.. ..I...
YOW!! HUMANS!!
...to be...


ZIPPY
"GRILLE BITES BACK"
BILL GRIFFITH
Kate, the owner's daughter, tended bar and fended off the local lotharios...
WHAT CAN I DO YOU FOR, CLAUDE?
HEY! HOW'D YOU KNOW MY NAME'S CLAUDE?
YOW! SHE'S PSYCHIC!
I CALL EVERY GUY "CLAUDE", CLAUDE...
Gary delivered Snapple and bar snacks... he had the hots for Amy, Walt's younger daughter...
GRIFFY
LISTEN, WALT.. ABOUT AMY... I WANNA MARRY HER, WALT!! ..I'M A GOOD PROVIDER..
GARY-- FORGET IT! NO ONE GETS NEAR AMY UNTIL I FIND A HUSBAND FOR KATE.. GOD HELP ME!
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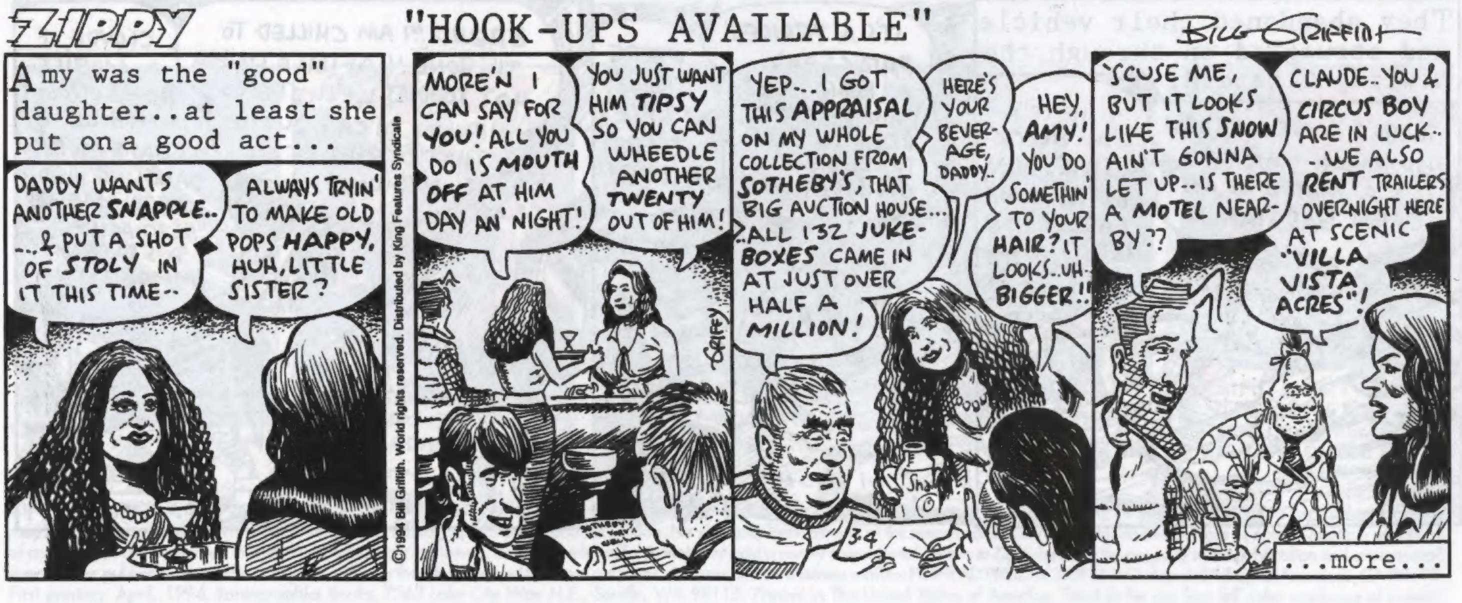
I KNOW SHE'S NO PRIZE, BUT, WHEN I KICK OFF, SHE'S GONNA INHERIT ALL MY JUKEBOXES!! SHE'LL BE RICH.. & THAT RHYMES WITH--
?
DADDY, SHUT YOUR SNAPPLE-GUZZLIN' TRAP!! --WHAT CENTURY ARE YOU LIVIN' IN, ANYWAY?!
3-3
...tomorrow...


ZIPPY
"HOOK-UPS AVAILABLE"
BILL GRIFFITH
Amy was the "good" daughter..at least she put on a good act...
DADDY WANTS ANOTHER SNAPPLE.. ..& PUT A SHOT OF STOLY IN IT THIS TIME--
ALWAYS TRYIN' TO MAKE OLD POPS HAPPY, HUH, LITTLE SISTER?
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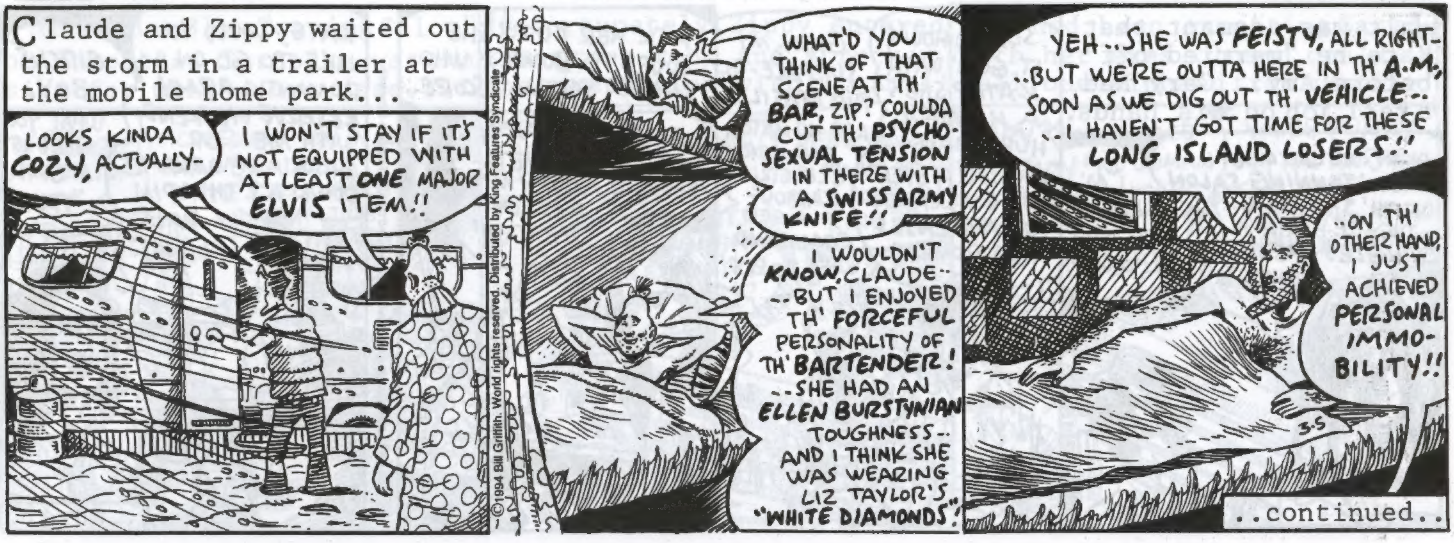
MORE'N I CAN SAY FOR YOU! ALL YOU DO IS MOUTH OFF AT HIM DAY AN' NIGHT!
YOU JUST WANT HIM TIPSY SO YOU CAN WHEEDLE ANOTHER TWENTY OUT OF HIM!
GRIFFY
YEP... I GOT THIS APPRAISAL ON MY WHOLE COLLECTION FROM SOTHEBY'S, THAT BIG AUCTION HOUSE... ..ALL 132 JUKEBOXES CAME IN AT JUST OVER HALF A MILLION!
HERE'S YOUR BEVERAGE, DADDY..
HEY, AMY! YOU DO SOMETHIN' TO YOUR HAIR? IT LOOKS..UH.. BIGGER!!
3-4
'SCUSE ME, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THIS SNOW AIN'T GONNA LET UP.. IS THERE A MOTEL NEARBY??
CLAUDE.. YOU & CIRCUS BOY ARE IN LUCK.. ..WE ALSO RENT TRAILERS OVERNIGHT HERE AT SCENIC "VILLA VISTA ACRES"!
...more...

ZIPPY "BLESS THIS MESS" BILL GRIFFITH


Claude and Zippy waited out the storm in a trailer at the mobile home park...
LOOKS KINDA COZY, ACTUALLY-
I WON'T STAY IF IT'S NOT EQUIPPED WITH AT LEAST ONE MAJOR ELVIS ITEM!!
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WHAT'D YOU THINK OF THAT SCENE AT TH' BAR, ZIP? COULDA CUT TH' PSYCHO-SEXUAL TENSION IN THERE WITH A SWISS ARMY KNIFE!!
I WOULDN'T KNOW, CLAUDE-- --BUT I ENJOYED TH' FORCEFUL PERSONALITY OF TH' BARTENDER! --SHE HAD AN ELLEN BURSTYNIAN TOUGHNESS-- AND I THINK SHE WAS WEARING LIZ TAYLOR'S "WHITE DIAMONDS"!
YEH..SHE WAS FEISTY, ALL RIGHT- ..BUT WE'RE OUTTA HERE IN TH' A.M., SOON AS WE DIG OUT TH' VEHICLE-- ..I HAVEN'T GOT TIME FOR THESE LONG ISLAND LOSERS!!
..ON TH' OTHER HAND, I JUST ACHIEVED PERSONAL IMMOBILITY!!
3-5
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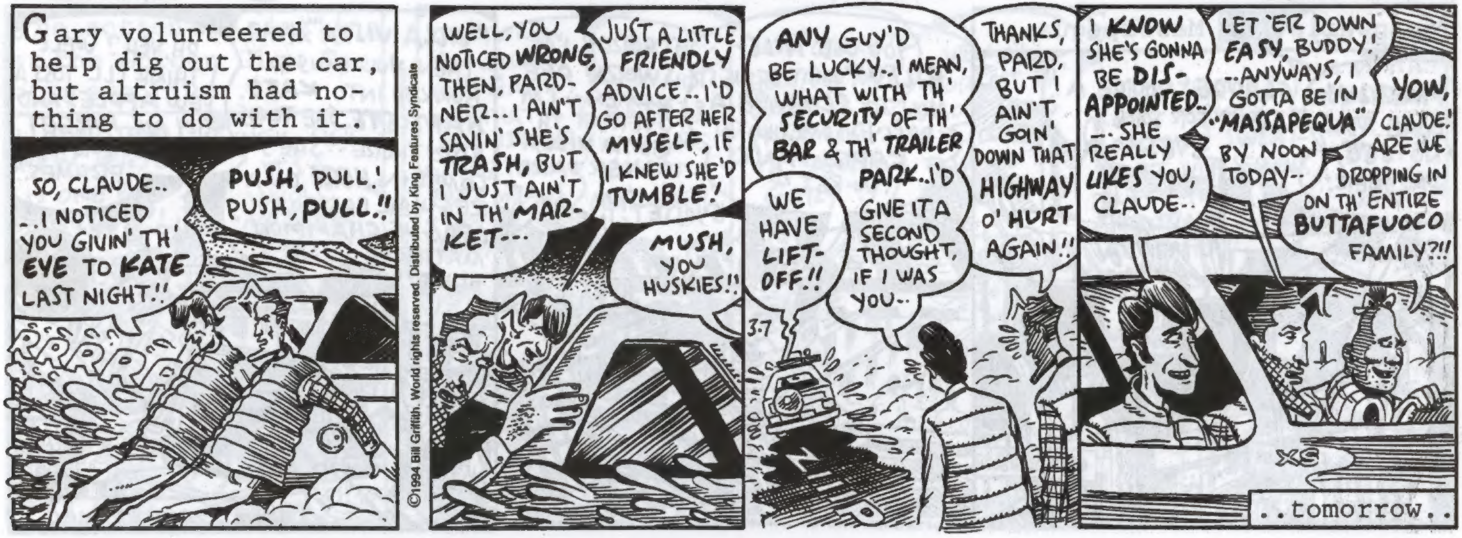
ZIPPY "THE KNOT THICKENS" BILL GRIFFITH


Gary volunteered to help dig out the car, but altruism had nothing to do with it.
SO, CLAUDE.. ..I NOTICED YOU GIVIN' TH' EYE TO KATE LAST NIGHT!!
PUSH, PULL! PUSH, PULL!!
RRRRR
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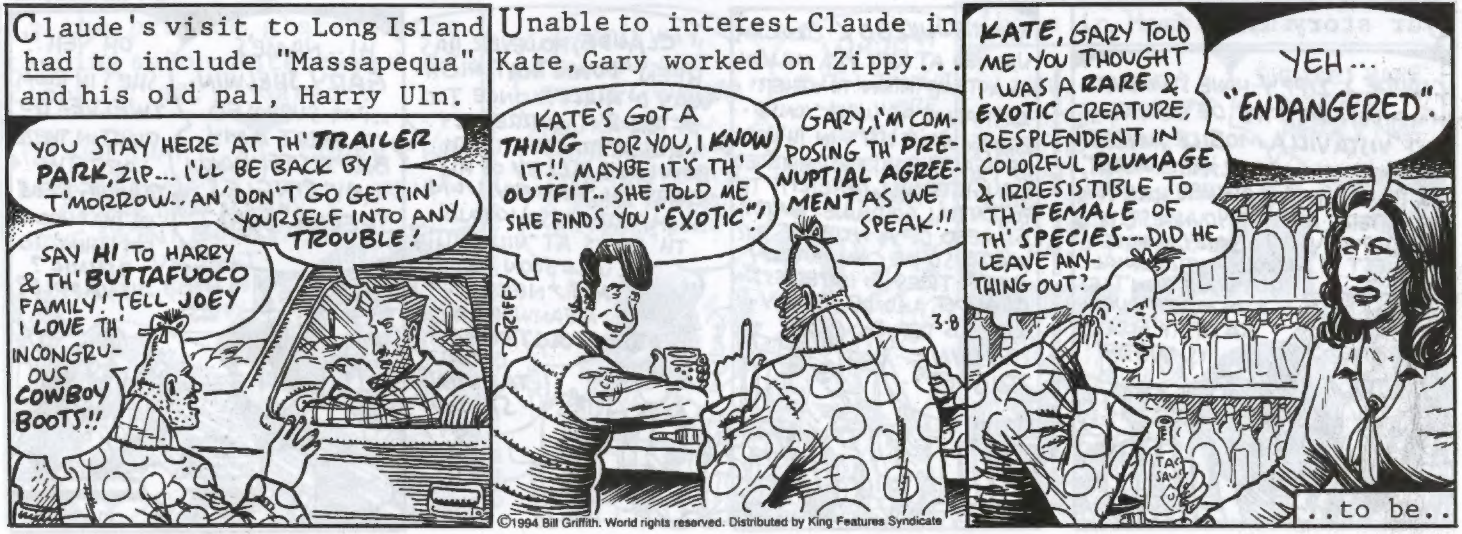
WELL, YOU NOTICED WRONG, THEN, PARDNER...I AIN'T SAYIN' SHE'S TRASH, BUT I JUST AIN'T IN TH' MARKET---
JUST A LITTLE FRIENDLY ADVICE...I'D GO AFTER HER MYSELF, IF I KNEW SHE'D TUMBLE!
MUSH, YOU HUSKIES!!
ANY GUY'D BE LUCKY..I MEAN, WHAT WITH TH' SECURITY OF TH' BAR & TH' TRAILER PARK..I'D GIVE IT A SECOND THOUGHT, IF I WAS YOU..
WE HAVE LIFT-OFF!!
THANKS, PARD, BUT I AIN'T GOIN' DOWN THAT HIGHWAY O' HURT AGAIN!!
3-7
I KNOW SHE'S GONNA BE DISAPPOINTED.. ..SHE REALLY LIKES YOU, CLAUDE..
LET 'ER DOWN EASY, BUDDY! --ANYWAYS, I GOTTA BE IN "MASSAPEQUA" BY NOON TODAY--
YOW, CLAUDE! ARE WE DROPPING IN ON TH' ENTIRE BUTTAFUOCO FAMILY?!!
..tomorrow..

ZIPPY "THE BIRDS AND THE BOYS" BILL GRIFFITH


Claude's visit to Long Island had to include "Massapequa" and his old pal, Harry Uln.
YOU STAY HERE AT TH' TRAILER PARK, ZIP... I'LL BE BACK BY T'MORROW.. AN' DON'T GO GETTIN' YOURSELF INTO ANY TROUBLE!
SAY HI TO HARRY & TH' BUTTAFUOCO FAMILY! TELL JOEY I LOVE TH' INCONGRUOUS COWBOY BOOTS!!
Unable to interest Claude in Kate, Gary worked on Zippy...
KATE'S GOT A THING FOR YOU, I KNOW IT!! MAYBE IT'S TH' OUTFIT.. SHE TOLD ME SHE FINDS YOU "EXOTIC"!
GARY, I'M COMPOSING TH' PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENT AS WE SPEAK!!
GRIFFY
3-8
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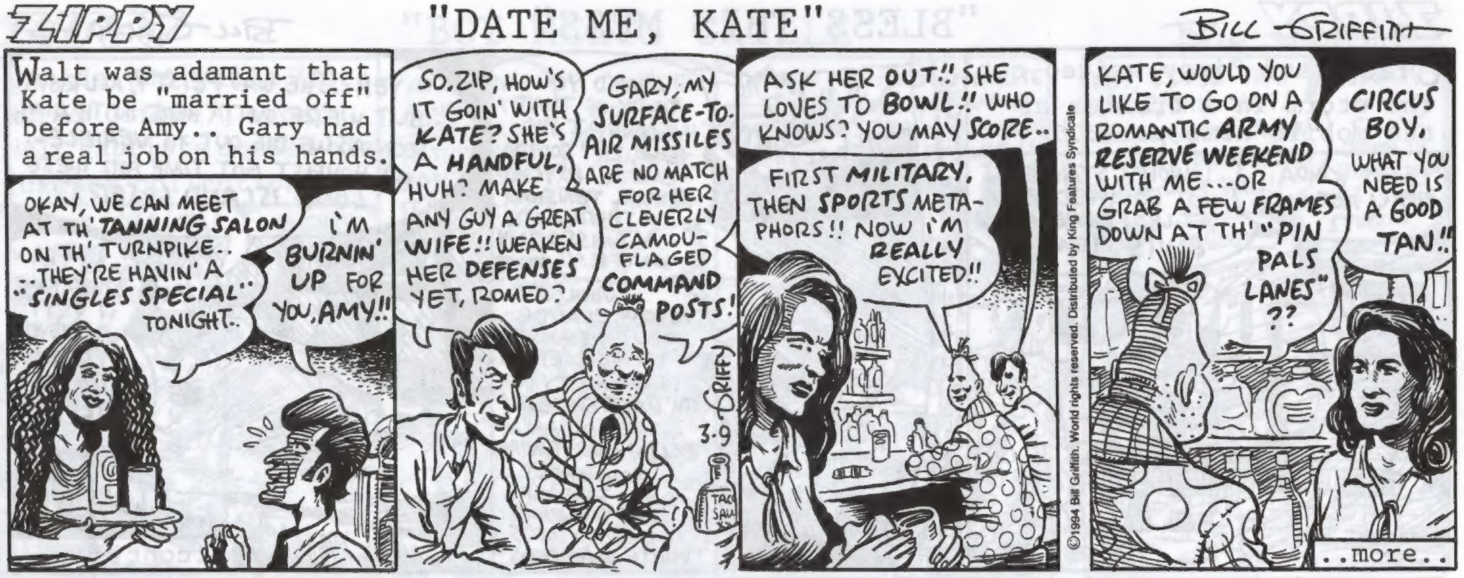
KATE, GARY TOLD ME YOU THOUGHT I WAS A RARE & EXOTIC CREATURE, RESPLENDENT IN COLORFUL PLUMAGE & IRRESISTIBLE TO TH' FEMALE OF TH' SPECIES--- DID HE LEAVE ANYTHING OUT?
YEH... "ENDANGERED".
..to be..


ZIPPY
"DATE ME, KATE"
BILL GRIFFITH
Walt was adamant that Kate be "married off" before Amy.. Gary had a real job on his hands.
OKAY, WE CAN MEET AT TH' TANNING SALON ON TH' TURNPIKE.. ..THEY'RE HAVIN' A "SINGLES SPECIAL" TONIGHT..
I'M BURNIN' UP FOR YOU, AMY!!
SO, ZIP, HOW'S IT GOIN' WITH KATE? SHE'S A HANDFUL, HUH? MAKE ANY GUY A GREAT WIFE!! WEAKEN HER DEFENSES YET, ROMEO?
GARY, MY SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES ARE NO MATCH FOR HER CLEVERLY CAMOUFLAGED COMMAND POSTS!
GRIFFY
3-9
ASK HER OUT!! SHE LOVES TO BOWL!! WHO KNOWS? YOU MAY SCORE..
FIRST MILITARY, THEN SPORTS METAPHORS!! NOW I'M REALLY EXCITED!!
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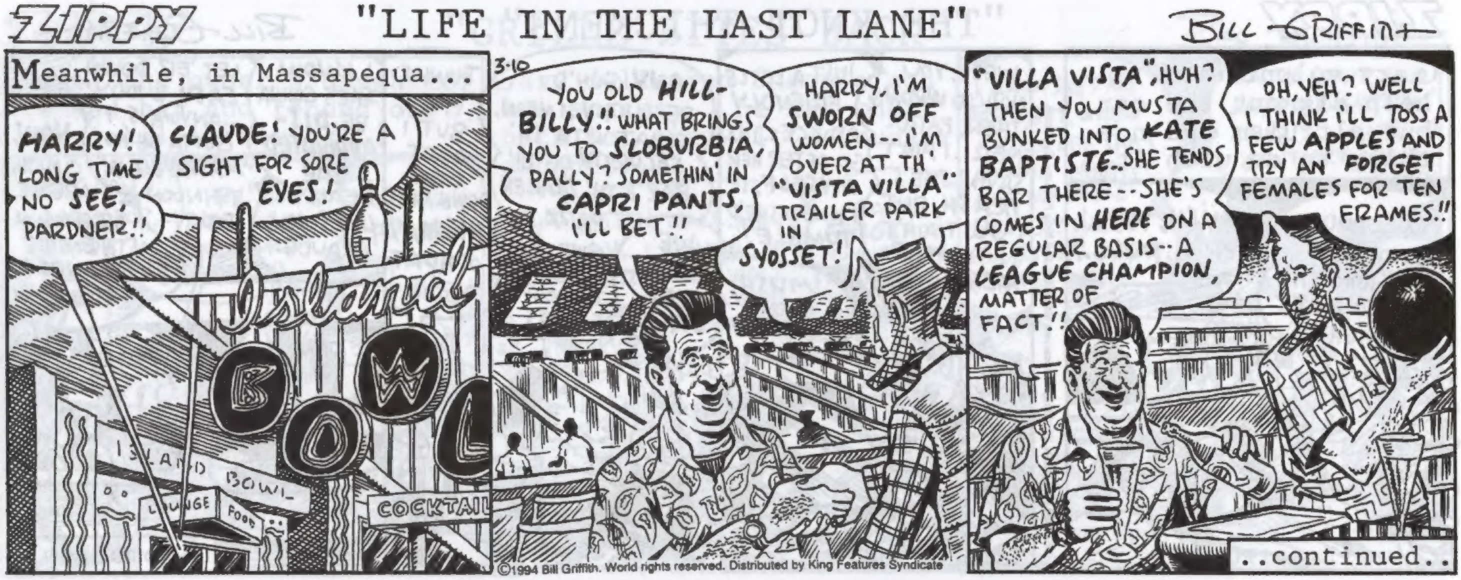
KATE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO ON A ROMANTIC ARMY RESERVE WEEKEND WITH ME...OR GRAB A FEW FRAMES DOWN AT TH' "PIN PALS LANES" ??
CIRCUS BOY, WHAT YOU NEED IS A GOOD TAN!!
..more..


ZIPPY
"LIFE IN THE LAST LANE"
BILL GRIFFITH
Meanwhile, in Massapequa...
HARRY! LONG TIME NO SEE, PARDNER!!
CLAUDE! YOU'RE A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES!
Island BOWL
ISLAND BOWL
LOUNGE FOOD
COCKTAIL
3-10
YOU OLD HILL-BILLY!! WHAT BRINGS YOU TO SLOBURBIA, PALLY? SOMETHIN' IN CAPRI PANTS, I'LL BET!!
HARRY, I'M SWORN OFF WOMEN-- I'M OVER AT TH' "VISTA VILLA" TRAILER PARK IN SYOSSET!
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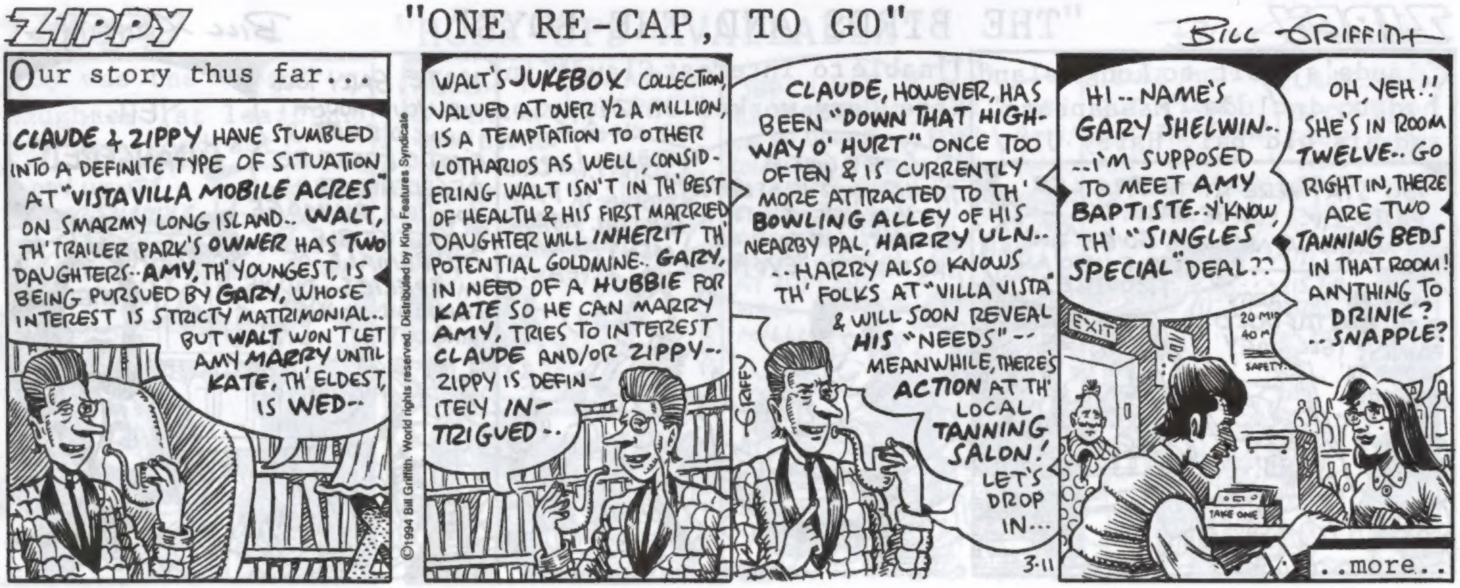
"VILLA VISTA", HUH? THEN YOU MUSTA BUNKED INTO KATE BAPTISTE.. SHE TENDS BAR THERE-- SHE'S COMES IN HERE ON A REGULAR BASIS-- A LEAGUE CHAMPION, MATTER OF FACT!!
OH, YEH? WELL I THINK I'LL TOSS A FEW APPLES AND TRY AN' FORGET FEMALES FOR TEN FRAMES!!
..continued..


ZIPPY
"ONE RE-CAP, TO GO"
BILL GRIFFITH
Our story thus far...
CLAUDE & ZIPPY HAVE STUMBLED INTO A DEFINITE TYPE OF SITUATION AT "VISTA VILLA MOBILE ACRES" ON SMARMY LONG ISLAND.. WALT, TH' TRAILER PARK'S OWNER HAS TWO DAUGHTERS.. AMY, TH' YOUNGEST, IS BEING PURSUED BY GARY, WHOSE INTEREST IS STRICTY MATRIMONIAL.. BUT WALT WON'T LET AMY MARRY UNTIL KATE, TH' ELDEST, IS WED--
WALT'S JUKEBOX COLLECTION, VALUED AT OVER 1/2 A MILLION, IS A TEMPTATION TO OTHER LOTHARIOS AS WELL, CONSIDERING WALT ISN'T IN TH' BEST OF HEALTH & HIS FIRST MARRIED DAUGHTER WILL INHERIT TH' POTENTIAL GOLDMINE.. GARY, IN NEED OF A HUBBIE FOR KATE SO HE CAN MARRY AMY, TRIES TO INTEREST CLAUDE AND/OR ZIPPY.. ZIPPY IS DEFINITELY INTRIGUED..
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CLAUDE, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN "DOWN THAT HIGHWAY O' HURT" ONCE TOO OFTEN & IS CURRENTLY MORE ATTRACTED TO TH' BOWLING ALLEY OF HIS NEARBY PAL, HARRY ULN.. ..HARRY ALSO KNOWS TH' FOLKS AT "VILLA VISTA" & WILL SOON REVEAL HIS "NEEDS"-- MEANWHILE, THERE'S ACTION AT TH' LOCAL TANNING SALON! LET'S DROP IN...
GRIFFY
3-11
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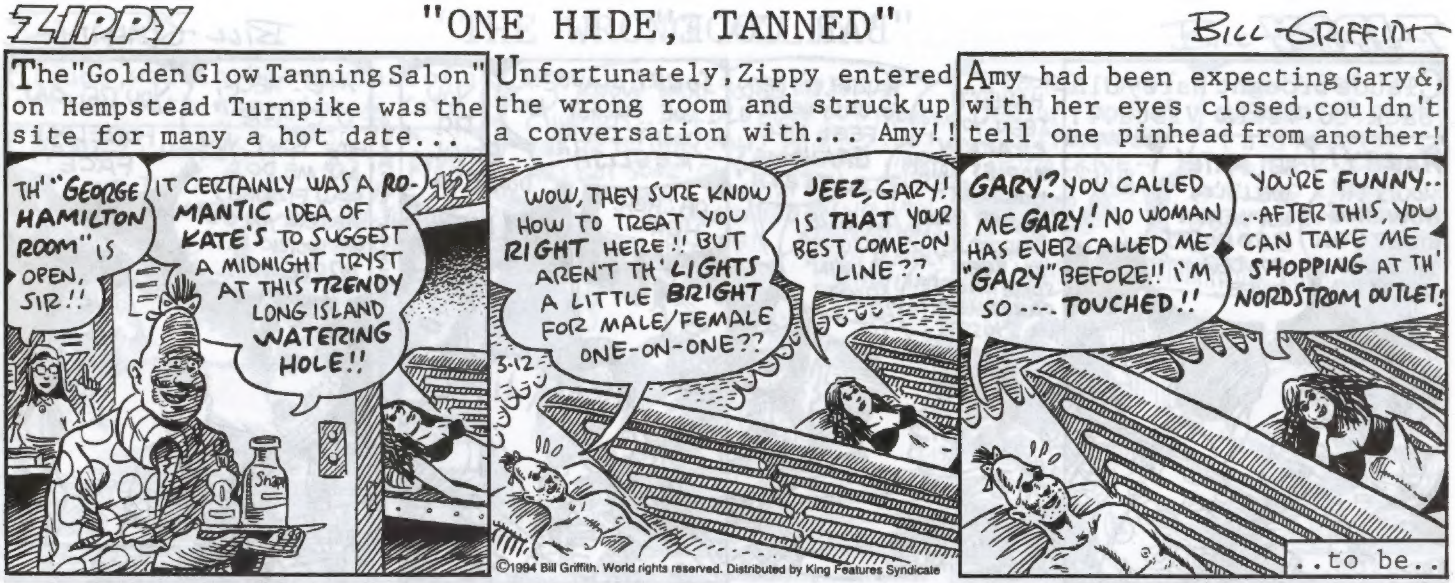
HI.. NAME'S GARY SHELWIN.. ..I'M SUPPOSED TO MEET AMY BAPTISTE.. Y'KNOW, TH' "SINGLES SPECIAL" DEAL??
OH, YEH!! SHE'S IN ROOM TWELVE.. GO RIGHT IN, THERE ARE TWO TANNING BEDS IN THAT ROOM! ANYTHING TO DRINK? ..SNAPPLE?
EXIT
20 MIN
40 MIN
SAFETY
TAKE ONE
..more..

"ONE HIDE, TANNED"


ZIPPY
"ONE HIDE, TANNED"
BILL GRIFFITH
The "Golden Glow Tanning Salon" on Hempstead Turnpike was the site for many a hot date...
TH' "GEORGE HAMILTON ROOM" IS OPEN, SIR!!
IT CERTAINLY WAS A ROMANTIC IDEA OF KATE'S TO SUGGEST A MIDNIGHT TRYST AT THIS TRENDY LONG ISLAND WATERING HOLE!!
12
Snapple
Unfortunately, Zippy entered the wrong room and struck up a conversation with... Amy!!
WOW, THEY SURE KNOW HOW TO TREAT YOU RIGHT HERE!! BUT AREN'T TH' LIGHTS A LITTLE BRIGHT FOR MALE/FEMALE ONE-ON-ONE??
JEEZ, GARY! IS THAT YOUR BEST COME-ON LINE??
3-12
Amy had been expecting Gary &, with her eyes closed, couldn't tell one pinhead from another!
GARY? YOU CALLED ME GARY! NO WOMAN HAS EVER CALLED ME "GARY" BEFORE!! I'M SO.... TOUCHED!!
YOU'RE FUNNY.. ..AFTER THIS, YOU CAN TAKE ME SHOPPING AT TH' NORDSTROM OUTLET!
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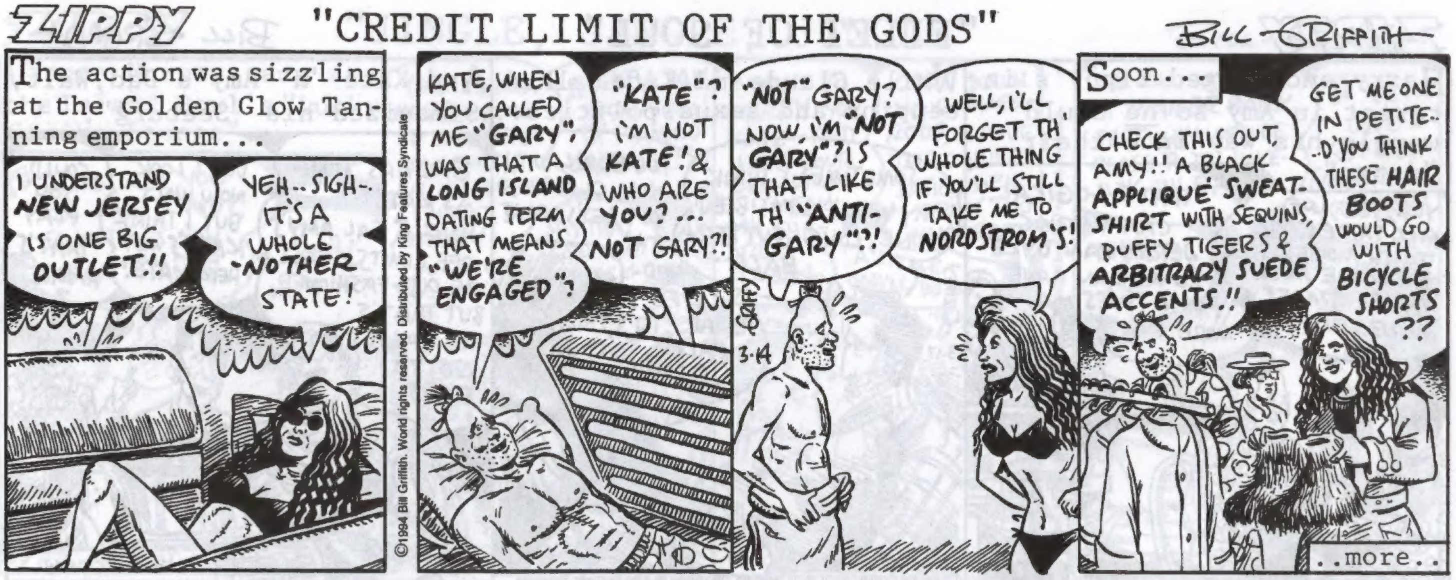
"CREDIT LIMIT OF THE GODS"


ZIPPY
"CREDIT LIMIT OF THE GODS"
BILL GRIFFITH
The action was sizzling at the Golden Glow Tanning emporium...
I UNDERSTAND NEW JERSEY IS ONE BIG OUTLET!!
YEH.. SIGH.. IT'S A WHOLE -NOTHER STATE!
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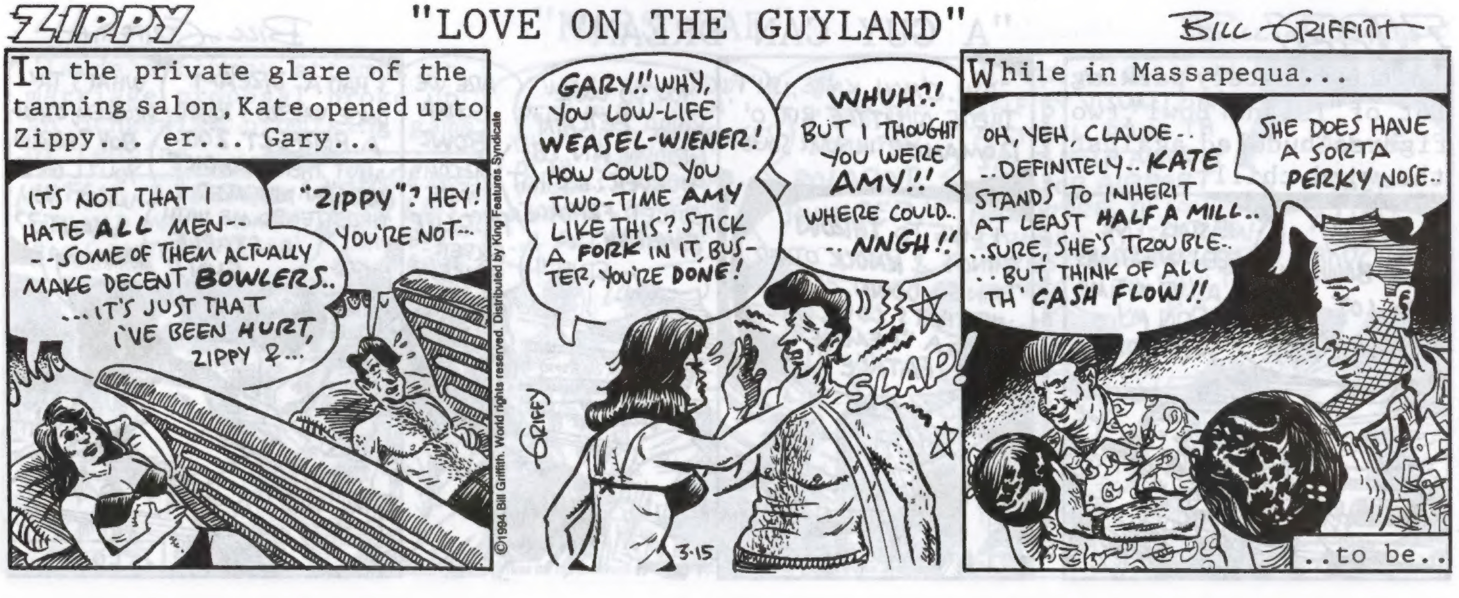
KATE, WHEN YOU CALLED ME "GARY", WAS THAT A LONG ISLAND DATING TERM THAT MEANS "WE'RE ENGAGED"?
"KATE"? I'M NOT KATE! & WHO ARE YOU?... NOT GARY?!
"NOT" GARY? NOW, I'M "NOT GARY"? IS THAT LIKE TH' "ANTI-GARY"?!
WELL, I'LL FORGET TH' WHOLE THING IF YOU'LL STILL TAKE ME TO NORDSTROM'S!
GRIFFY
3-14
Soon...
CHECK THIS OUT, AMY!! A BLACK APPLIQUÉ SWEAT-SHIRT WITH SEQUINS, PUFFY TIGERS & ARBITRARY SUEDE ACCENTS!!
GET ME ONE IN PETITE.. ..D'YOU THINK THESE HAIR BOOTS WOULD GO WITH BICYCLE SHORTS??
..more..

"LOVE ON THE GUYLAND"


ZIPPY
"LOVE ON THE GUYLAND"
BILL GRIFFITH
In the private glare of the tanning salon, Kate opened up to Zippy... er... Gary...
IT'S NOT THAT I HATE ALL MEN-- --SOME OF THEM ACTUALLY MAKE DECENT BOWLERS.. ...IT'S JUST THAT I'VE BEEN HURT, ZIPPY &...
"ZIPPY"? HEY! YOU'RE NOT--
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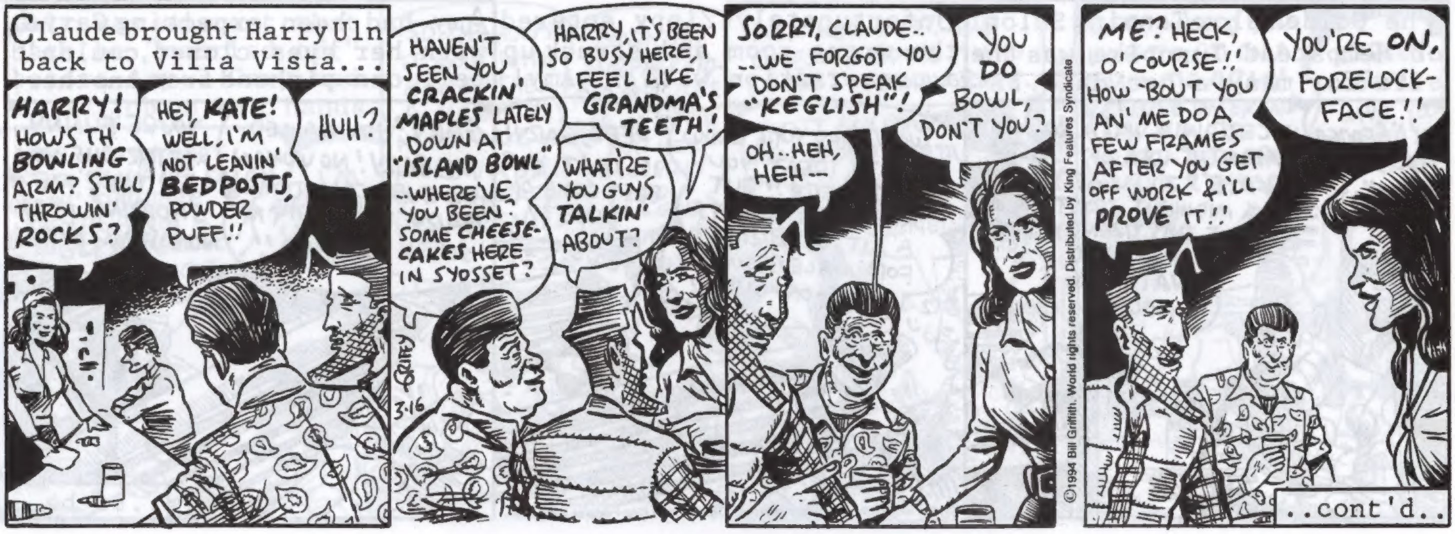
GARY!! WHY, YOU LOW-LIFE WEASEL-WIENER! HOW COULD YOU TWO-TIME AMY LIKE THIS? STICK A FORK IN IT, BUSTER, YOU'RE DONE!
WHUH?! BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE AMY!! WHERE COULD.. ..NNGH!!
SLAP!
GRIFFY
3-15
While in Massapequa...
OH, YEH, CLAUDE.. ..DEFINITELY.. KATE STANDS TO INHERIT AT LEAST HALF A MILL.. ..SURE, SHE'S TROUBLE.. ..BUT THINK OF ALL TH' CASH FLOW!!
SHE DOES HAVE A SORTA PERKY NOSE..
..to be..

"BAR CODE"

BILL GRIFFITH


Claude brought Harry Uln back to Villa Vista...
HARRY! HOW'S TH' BOWLING ARM? STILL THROWIN' ROCKS?
HEY, KATE! WELL, I'M NOT LEAVIN' BEDPOSTS, POWDER PUFF!!
HUH?
HAVEN'T SEEN YOU CRACKIN' MAPLES LATELY DOWN AT "ISLAND BOWL" ..WHERE'VE YOU BEEN? SOME CHEESE-CAKES HERE IN SYOSSET?
HARRY, IT'S BEEN SO BUSY HERE, I FEEL LIKE GRANDMA'S TEETH!
WHAT'RE YOU GUYS TALKIN' ABOUT?
GRIFFY
3-16
SORRY, CLAUDE.. ..WE FORGOT YOU DON'T SPEAK "KEGLISH"!
YOU DO BOWL, DON'T YOU?
OH..HEH, HEH--
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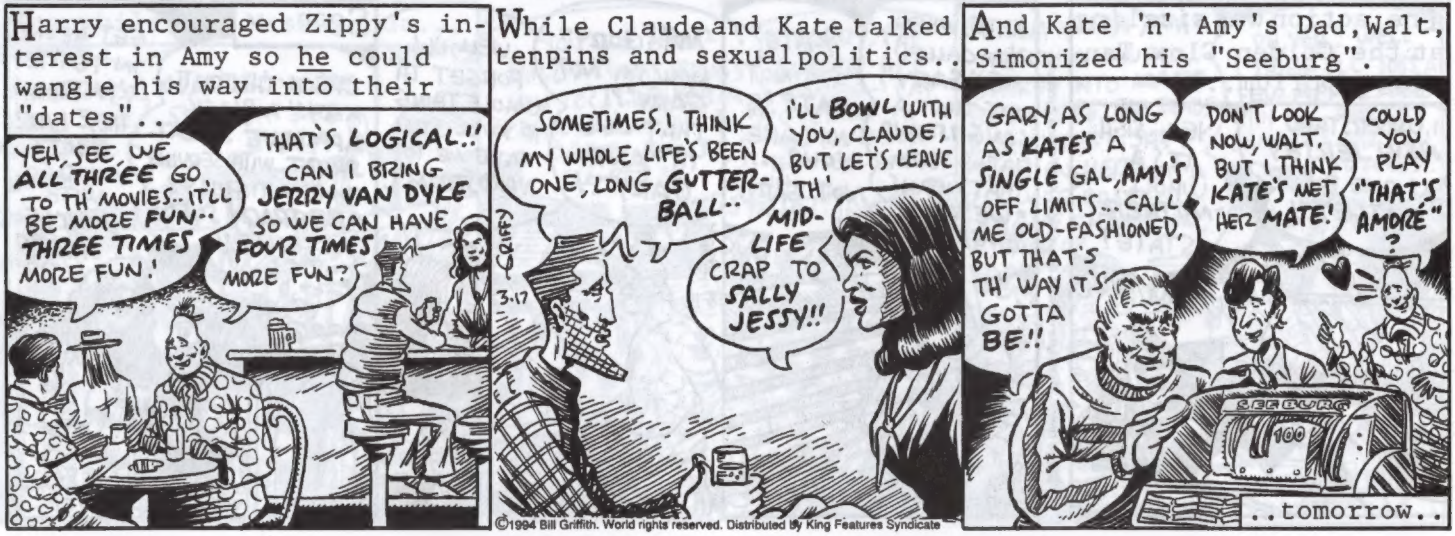
ME? HECK, O' COURSE!! HOW 'BOUT YOU AN' ME DO A FEW FRAMES AFTER YOU GET OFF WORK & I'LL PROVE IT!!
YOU'RE ON, FORELOCK-FACE!!
..cont'd..

ZIPPY

"FILET OF SOUL"

BILL GRIFFITH


Harry encouraged Zippy's interest in Amy so he could wangle his way into their "dates"..
YEH, SEE, WE ALL THREE GO TO TH' MOVIES.. IT'LL BE MORE FUN.. THREE TIMES MORE FUN!
THAT'S LOGICAL!! CAN I BRING JERRY VAN DYKE SO WE CAN HAVE FOUR TIMES MORE FUN?
While Claude and Kate talked tenpins and sexual politics..
SOMETIMES, I THINK MY WHOLE LIFE'S BEEN ONE, LONG GUTTER-BALL..
I'LL BOWL WITH YOU, CLAUDE, BUT LET'S LEAVE TH' MID-LIFE CRAP TO SALLY JESSY!!
GRIFFY
3-17
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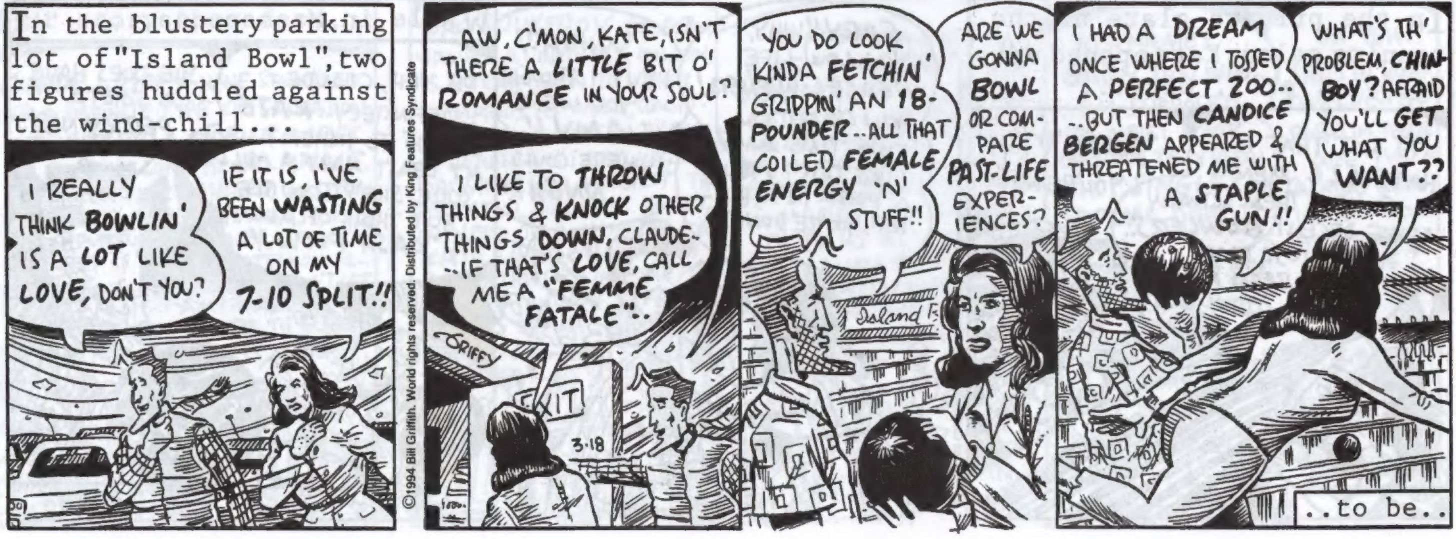
And Kate 'n' Amy's Dad, Walt, Simonized his "Seeburg".
GARY, AS LONG AS KATE'S A SINGLE GAL, AMY'S OFF LIMITS... CALL ME OLD-FASHIONED, BUT THAT'S TH' WAY IT'S GOTTA BE!!
DON'T LOOK NOW, WALT. BUT I THINK KATE'S MET HER MATE!
COULD YOU PLAY "THAT'S AMORE"?
SEEBURG
100
..tomorrow..

ZIPPY

"A GUY CAN DREAM"

BILL GRIFFITH


In the blustery parking lot of "Island Bowl", two figures huddled against the wind-chill...
I REALLY THINK BOWLIN' IS A LOT LIKE LOVE, DON'T YOU?
IF IT IS, I'VE BEEN WASTING A LOT OF TIME ON MY 7-10 SPLIT!!
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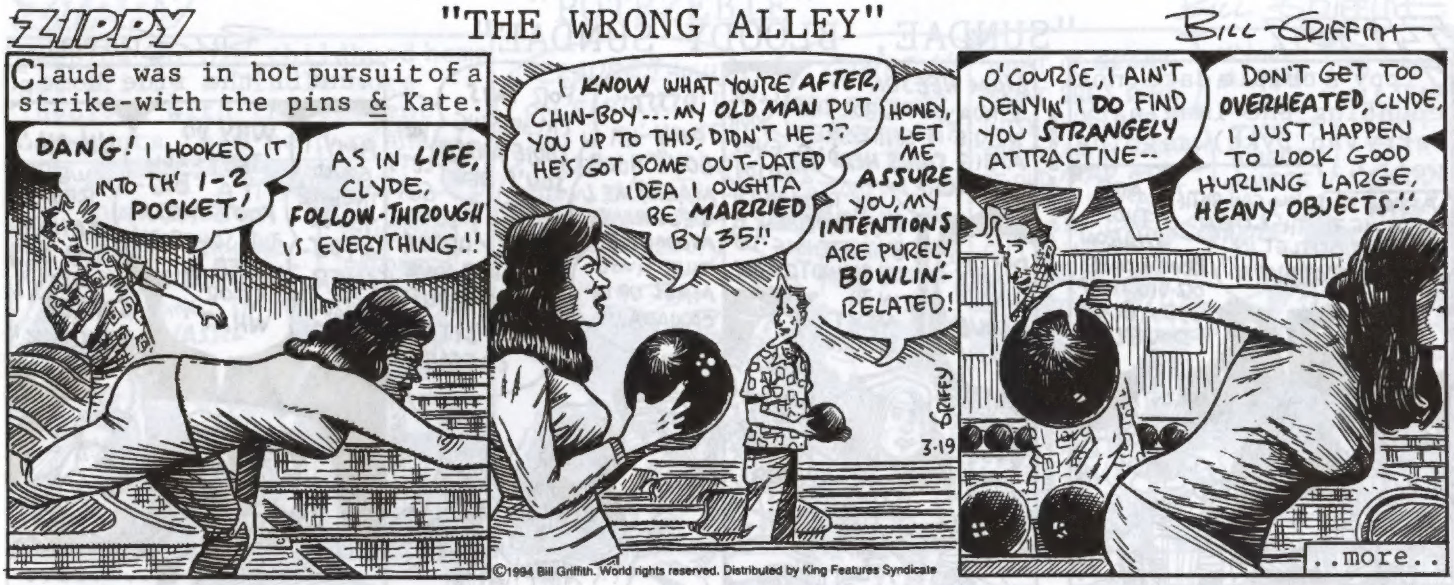
AW, C'MON, KATE, ISN'T THERE A LITTLE BIT O' ROMANCE IN YOUR SOUL?
I LIKE TO THROW THINGS & KNOCK OTHER THINGS DOWN, CLAUDE- ..IF THAT'S LOVE, CALL ME A "FEMME FATALE"..
GRIFFY
EXIT
3-18
YOU DO LOOK KINDA FETCHIN' GRIPPIN' AN 18-POUNDER..ALL THAT COILED FEMALE ENERGY 'N' STUFF!!
ARE WE GONNA BOWL OR COMPARE PAST-LIFE EXPERIENCES?
Island
I HAD A DREAM ONCE WHERE I TOSSED A PERFECT 200.. ..BUT THEN CANDICE BERGEN APPEARED & THREATENED ME WITH A STAPLE GUN!!
WHAT'S TH' PROBLEM, CHIN-BOY? AFRAID YOU'LL GET WHAT YOU WANT??
..to be..


ZIPPY
"THE WRONG ALLEY"
BILL GRIFFITH
Claude was in hot pursuit of a strike-with the pins & Kate.
DANG! I HOOKED IT INTO TH' 1-2 POCKET!
AS IN LIFE, CLYDE, FOLLOW-THROUGH IS EVERYTHING!!
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE AFTER, CHIN-BOY... MY OLD MAN PUT YOU UP TO THIS, DIDN'T HE?? HE'S GOT SOME OUT-DATED IDEA I OUGHTA BE MARRIED BY 35!!
HONEY, LET ME ASSURE YOU, MY INTENTIONS ARE PURELY BOWLIN'-RELATED!
GRIFFY
3-19
O' COURSE, I AIN'T DENYIN' I DO FIND YOU STRANGELY ATTRACTIVE--
DON'T GET TOO OVERHEATED, CLYDE, I JUST HAPPEN TO LOOK GOOD HURLING LARGE, HEAVY OBJECTS!!
..more..
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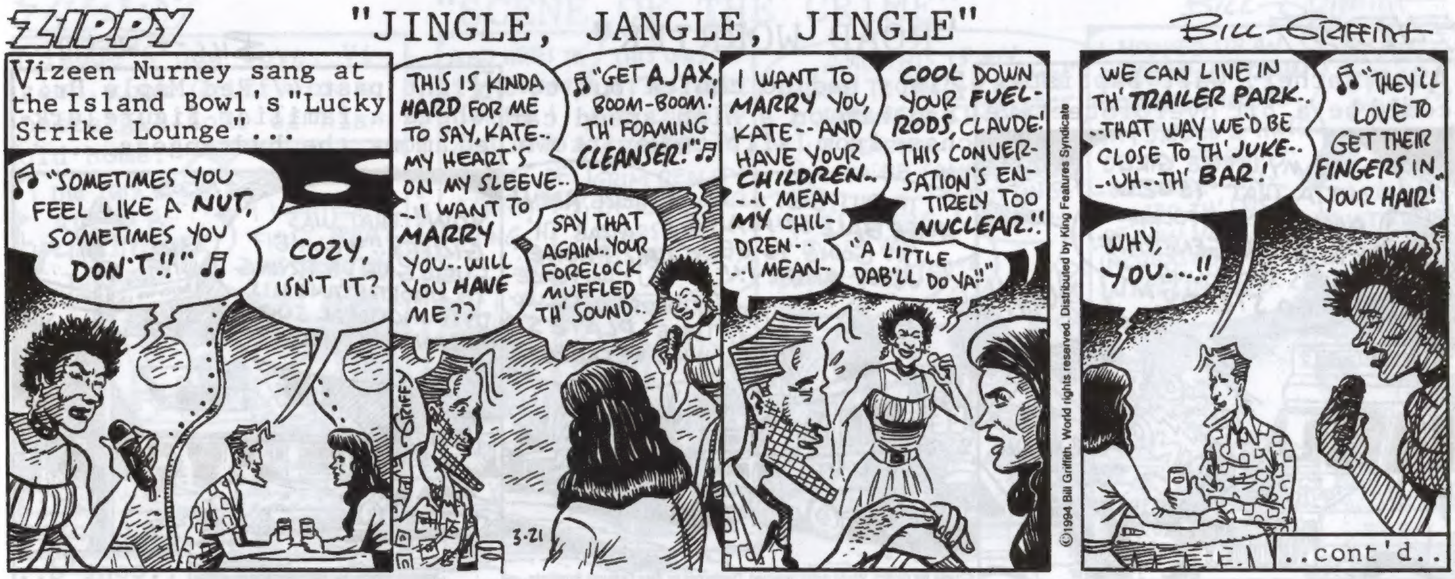
ZIPPY
"JINGLE, JANGLE, JINGLE"
BILL GRIFFITH
Vizeen Nurney sang at the Island Bowl's "Lucky Strike Lounge"...
♫ "SOMETIMES YOU FEEL LIKE A NUT, SOMETIMES YOU DON'T!!" ♫
COZY, ISN'T IT?
THIS IS KINDA HARD FOR ME TO SAY, KATE.. MY HEART'S ON MY SLEEVE.. ..I WANT TO MARRY YOU.. WILL YOU HAVE ME??
♫ "GET AJAX, BOOM-BOOM! TH' FOAMING CLEANSER!" ♫
SAY THAT AGAIN.. YOUR FORELOCK MUFFLED TH' SOUND..
GRIFFY
3-21
I WANT TO MARRY YOU, KATE-- AND HAVE YOUR CHILDREN.. ..I MEAN MY CHILDREN.. ..I MEAN..
COOL DOWN YOUR FUEL-RODS, CLAUDE! THIS CONVERSATION'S ENTIRELY TOO NUCLEAR!!
"A LITTLE DAB'LL DO YA!"
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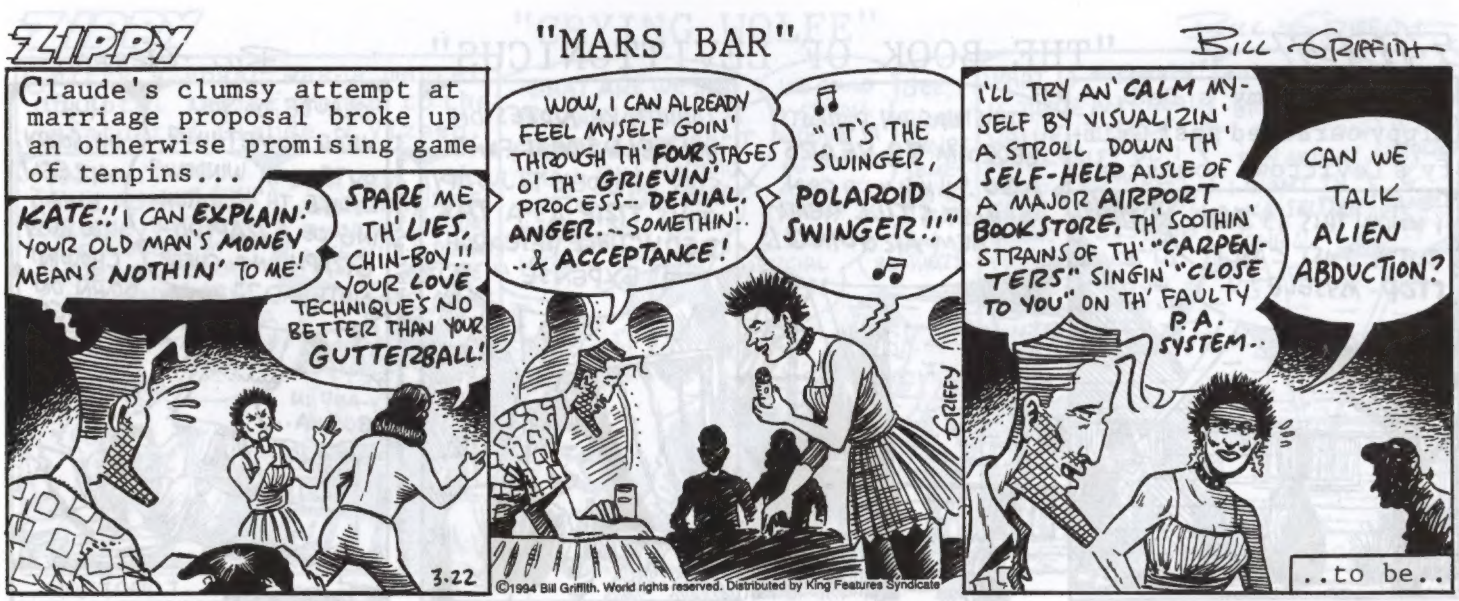
WE CAN LIVE IN TH' TRAILER PARK.. ..THAT WAY WE'D BE CLOSE TO TH' JUKE.. ..UH..TH' BAR!
♫ "THEY'LL LOVE TO GET THEIR FINGERS IN YOUR HAIR!"
WHY, YOU...!!
..cont'd..


ZIPPY
"MARS BAR"
BILL GRIFFITH
Claude's clumsy attempt at marriage proposal broke up an otherwise promising game of tenpins...
KATE!! I CAN EXPLAIN! YOUR OLD MAN'S MONEY MEANS NOTHIN' TO ME!
SPARE ME TH' LIES, CHIN-BOY!! YOUR LOVE TECHNIQUE'S NO BETTER THAN YOUR GUTTERBALL!
3-22
WOW, I CAN ALREADY FEEL MYSELF GOIN' THROUGH TH' FOUR STAGES O' TH' GRIEVIN' PROCESS-- DENIAL, ANGER.. SOMETHIN'.. ..& ACCEPTANCE!
♫ "IT'S THE SWINGER, POLAROID SWINGER!!" ♫
GRIFFY
I'LL TRY AN' CALM MYSELF BY VISUALIZIN' A STROLL DOWN TH SELF-HELP AISLE OF A MAJOR AIRPORT BOOKSTORE, TH' SOOTHIN' STRAINS OF TH' "CARPENTERS" SINGIN' "CLOSE TO YOU" ON TH' FAULTY P.A. SYSTEM..
CAN WE TALK ALIEN ABDUCTION?
..to be..
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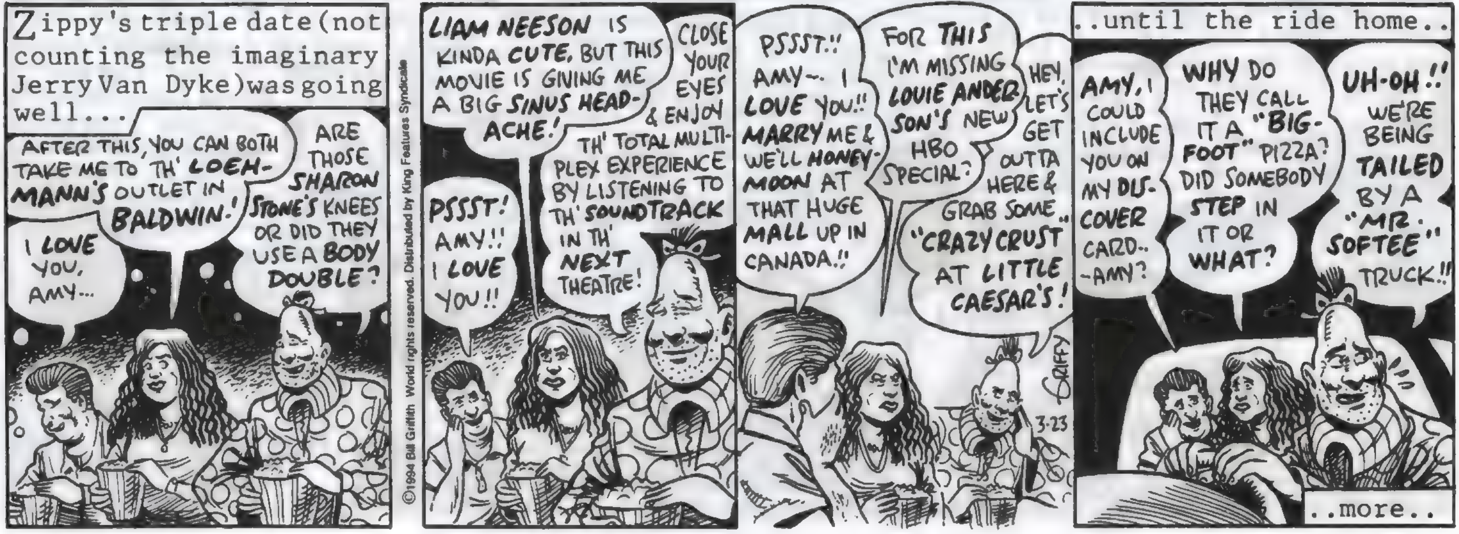
ZIPPY "SUNDAE, BLOODY SUNDAE" BILL GRIFFITH


Zippy's triple date (not counting the imaginary Jerry Van Dyke) was going well...
AFTER THIS, YOU CAN BOTH TAKE ME TO TH' LOEHMANN'S OUTLET IN BALDWIN!
ARE THOSE SHARON STONE'S KNEES OR DID THEY USE A BODY DOUBLE?
I LOVE YOU, AMY...
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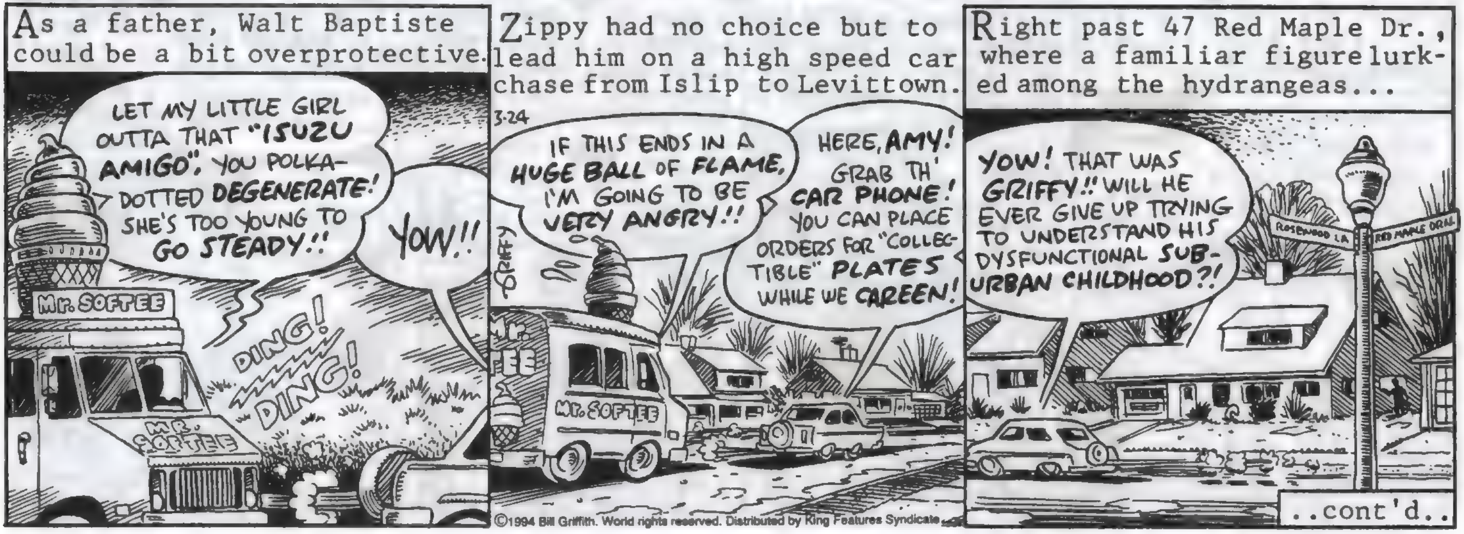
LIAM NEESON IS KINDA CUTE, BUT THIS MOVIE IS GIVING ME A BIG SINUS HEADACHE!
CLOSE YOUR EYES & ENJOY TH' TOTAL MULTIPLEX EXPERIENCE BY LISTENING TO TH' SOUNDTRACK IN TH' NEXT THEATRE!
PSSST! AMY!! I LOVE YOU!!
PSSST!! AMY-- I LOVE YOU!! MARRY ME & WE'LL HONEYMOON AT THAT HUGE MALL UP IN CANADA!!
FOR THIS I'M MISSING LOUIE ANDERSON'S NEW HBO SPECIAL?
HEY, LET'S GET OUTTA HERE & GRAB SOME "CRAZY CRUST" AT LITTLE CAESAR'S!
GRIFFY
3-23
..until the ride home..
AMY, I COULD INCLUDE YOU ON MY DISCOVER CARD.. -AMY?
WHY DO THEY CALL IT A "BIG-FOOT" PIZZA? DID SOMEBODY STEP IN IT OR WHAT?
UH-OH!! WE'RE BEING TAILED BY A "MR. SOFTEE" TRUCK!!
..more..

ZIPPY "ROAD WORRIER" BILL GRIFFITH


As a father, Walt Baptiste could be a bit overprotective.
LET MY LITTLE GIRL OUTTA THAT "ISUZU AMIGO", YOU POLKA-DOTTED DEGENERATE! SHE'S TOO YOUNG TO GO STEADY!!
YOW!!
Mr. SOFTEE
DING! DING!
MR. SOFTEE
Zippy had no choice but to lead him on a high speed car chase from Islip to Levittown.
3-24
IF THIS ENDS IN A HUGE BALL OF FLAME, I'M GOING TO BE VERY ANGRY!!
HERE, AMY! GRAB TH' CAR PHONE! YOU CAN PLACE ORDERS FOR "COLLECTIBLE" PLATES WHILE WE CAREEN!
GRIFFY
MR. SOFTEE
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Right past 47 Red Maple Dr., where a familiar figure lurked among the hydrangeas...
YOW! THAT WAS GRIFFY!! WILL HE EVER GIVE UP TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HIS DYSFUNCTIONAL SUBURBAN CHILDHOOD?!
ROSEWOOD LA
RED MAPLE DR
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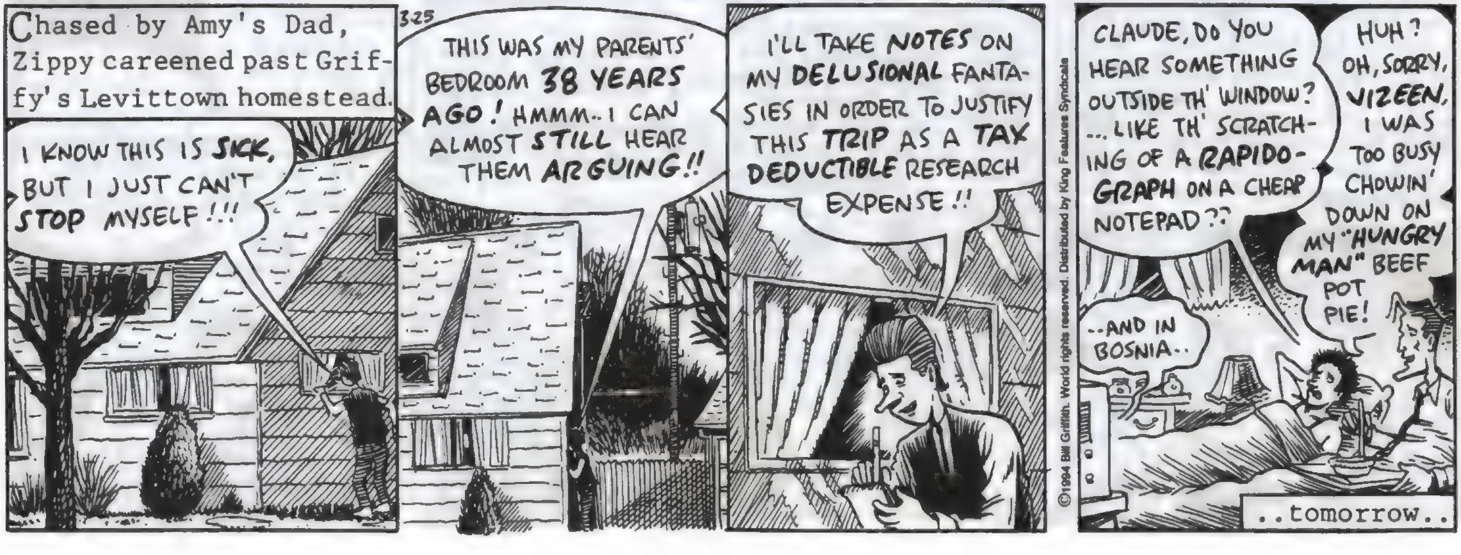
ZIPPY "THE BOOK OF LEVITTONICUS" BILL GRIFFITH


Chased by Amy's Dad, Zippy careened past Griffy's Levittown homestead.
I KNOW THIS IS SICK, BUT I JUST CAN'T STOP MYSELF!!!
3-25
THIS WAS MY PARENTS' BEDROOM 38 YEARS AGO! HMMM.. I CAN ALMOST STILL HEAR THEM ARGUING!!
I'LL TAKE NOTES ON MY DELUSIONAL FANTASIES IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY THIS TRIP AS A TAX DEDUCTIBLE RESEARCH EXPENSE!!
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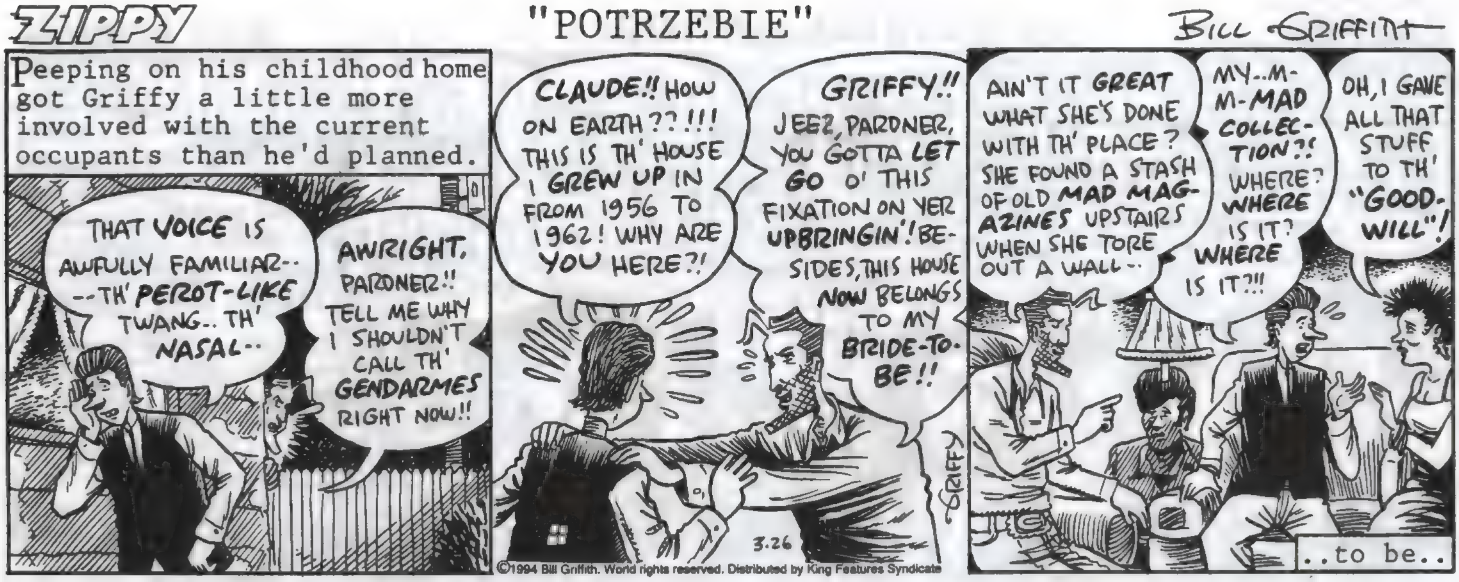
CLAUDE, DO YOU HEAR SOMETHING OUTSIDE TH' WINDOW? ...LIKE TH' SCRATCHING OF A RAPIDOGRAPH ON A CHEAP NOTEPAD??
HUH? OH, SORRY, VIZEEN, I WAS TOO BUSY CHOWIN' DOWN ON MY "HUNGRY MAN" BEEF POT PIE!
..AND IN BOSNIA..
..tomorrow..


ZIPPY
"POTRZEBIE"
BILL GRIFFITH
Peeping on his childhood home got Griffy a little more involved with the current occupants than he'd planned.
THAT VOICE IS AWFULLY FAMILIAR-- --TH' PEROT-LIKE TWANG.. TH' NASAL--
AWRIGHT, PARDNER!! TELL ME WHY I SHOULDN'T CALL TH' GENDARMES RIGHT NOW!!
CLAUDE!! HOW ON EARTH??!!! THIS IS TH' HOUSE I GREW UP IN FROM 1956 TO 1962! WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
GRIFFY!! JEEZ, PARDNER, YOU GOTTA LET GO O' THIS FIXATION ON YER UPBRINGIN'! BESIDES, THIS HOUSE NOW BELONGS TO MY BRIDE-TO-BE!!
GRIFFY
3.26
AIN'T IT GREAT WHAT SHE'S DONE WITH TH' PLACE? SHE FOUND A STASH OF OLD MAD MAGAZINES UPSTAIRS WHEN SHE TORE OUT A WALL--
MY..M-M-MAD COLLECTION?! WHERE? WHERE IS IT? WHERE IS IT?!!
OH, I GAVE ALL THAT STUFF TO TH' "GOOD-WILL"!
..to be..

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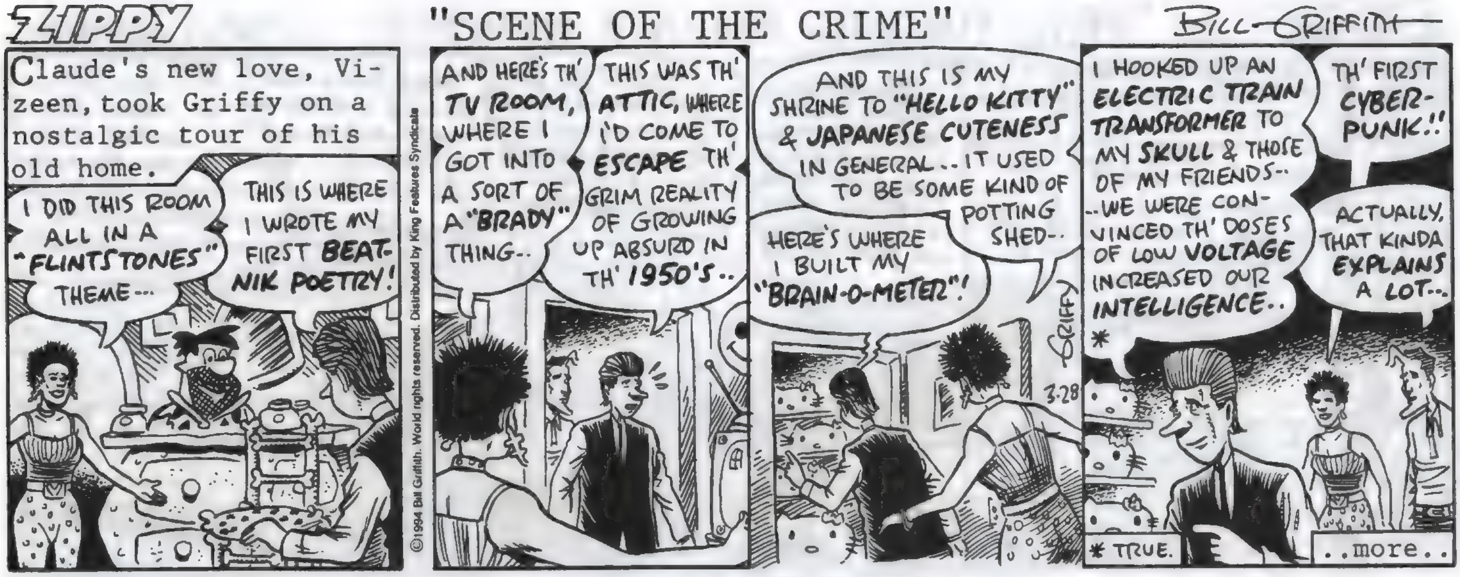
ZIPPY
"SCENE OF THE CRIME"
BILL GRIFFITH
Claude's new love, Vizeen, took Griffy on a nostalgic tour of his old home.
I DID THIS ROOM ALL IN A "FLINTSTONES" THEME--
THIS IS WHERE I WROTE MY FIRST BEATNIK POETRY!
AND HERE'S TH' TV ROOM, WHERE I GOT INTO A SORT OF A "BRADY" THING..
THIS WAS TH' ATTIC, WHERE I'D COME TO ESCAPE TH' GRIM REALITY OF GROWING UP ABSURD IN TH' 1950'S..
AND THIS IS MY SHRINE TO "HELLO KITTY" & JAPANESE CUTENESS IN GENERAL.. IT USED TO BE SOME KIND OF POTTING SHED--
HERE'S WHERE I BUILT MY "BRAIN-O-METER"!
GRIFFY
3.28
I HOOKED UP AN ELECTRIC TRAIN TRANSFORMER TO MY SKULL & THOSE OF MY FRIENDS-- --WE WERE CONVINCED TH' DOSES OF LOW VOLTAGE INCREASED OUR INTELLIGENCE.. *
TH' FIRST CYBERPUNK!!
ACTUALLY, THAT KINDA EXPLAINS A LOT--
* TRUE.
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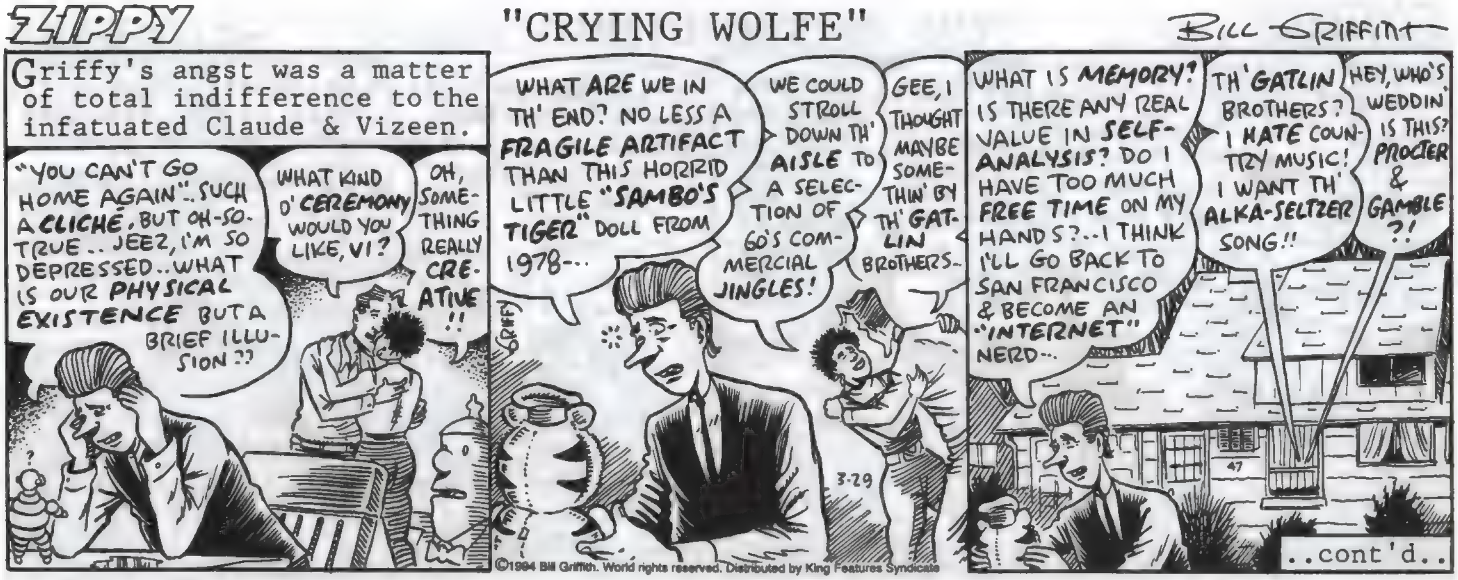
ZIPPY
"CRYING WOLFE"
BILL GRIFFITH
Griffy's angst was a matter of total indifference to the infatuated Claude & Vizeen.
"YOU CAN'T GO HOME AGAIN".. SUCH A CLICHÉ, BUT OH-SO-TRUE.. JEEZ, I'M SO DEPRESSED.. WHAT IS OUR PHYSICAL EXISTENCE BUT A BRIEF ILLUSION??
WHAT KIND O' CEREMONY WOULD YOU LIKE, VI?
OH, SOMETHING REALLY CREATIVE!!
GRIFFY
WHAT ARE WE IN TH' END? NO LESS A FRAGILE ARTIFACT THAN THIS HORRID LITTLE "SAMBO'S TIGER" DOLL FROM 1978--.
WE COULD STROLL DOWN TH' AISLE TO A SELECTION OF 60'S COMMERCIAL JINGLES!
GEE, I THOUGHT MAYBE SOMETHIN' BY TH' GATLIN BROTHERS..
3.29
WHAT IS MEMORY? IS THERE ANY REAL VALUE IN SELF-ANALYSIS? DO I HAVE TOO MUCH FREE TIME ON MY HANDS?.. I THINK I'LL GO BACK TO SAN FRANCISCO & BECOME AN "INTERNET" NERD--
TH' GATLIN BROTHERS? I HATE COUNTRY MUSIC! I WANT TH' ALKA-SELTZER SONG!!
HEY, WHO'S WEDDIN' IS THIS? PROCTER & GAMBLE?!
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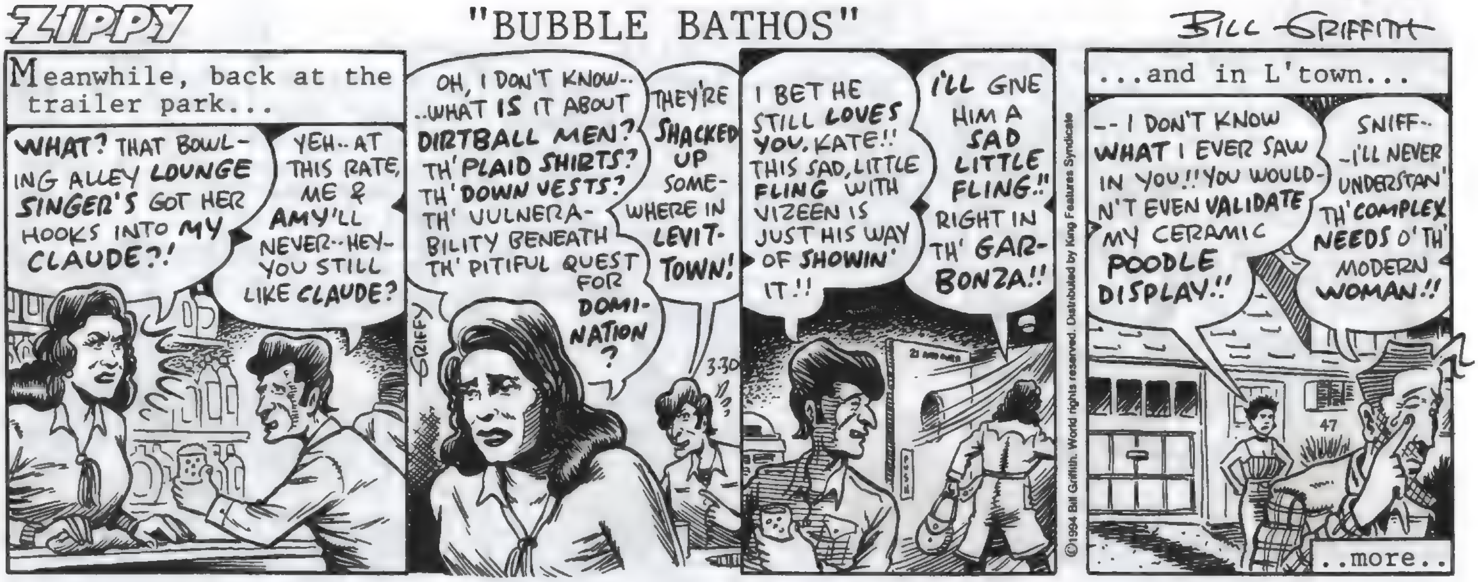
ZIPPY
"BUBBLE BATHOS"
BILL GRIFFITH
Meanwhile, back at the trailer park...
WHAT? THAT BOWLING ALLEY LOUNGE SINGER'S GOT HER HOOKS INTO MY CLAUDE?!
YEH.. AT THIS RATE, ME & AMY'LL NEVER-- HEY- YOU STILL LIKE CLAUDE?
GRIFFY
OH, I DON'T KNOW.. ..WHAT IS IT ABOUT DIRTBALL MEN? TH' PLAID SHIRTS? TH' DOWN VESTS? TH' VULNERABILITY BENEATH TH' PITIFUL QUEST FOR DOMINATION?
THEY'RE SHACKED UP SOMEWHERE IN LEVITTOWN!
3-30
I BET HE STILL LOVES YOU, KATE!! THIS SAD, LITTLE FLING WITH VIZEEN IS JUST HIS WAY OF SHOWIN' IT!!
I'LL GIVE HIM A SAD LITTLE FLING!! RIGHT IN TH' GARBONZA!!
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...and in L'town...
-- I DON'T KNOW WHAT I EVER SAW IN YOU!! YOU WOULDN'T EVEN VALIDATE MY CERAMIC POODLE DISPLAY!!
SNIFF.. --I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAN' TH' COMPLEX NEEDS O' TH' MODERN WOMAN!!
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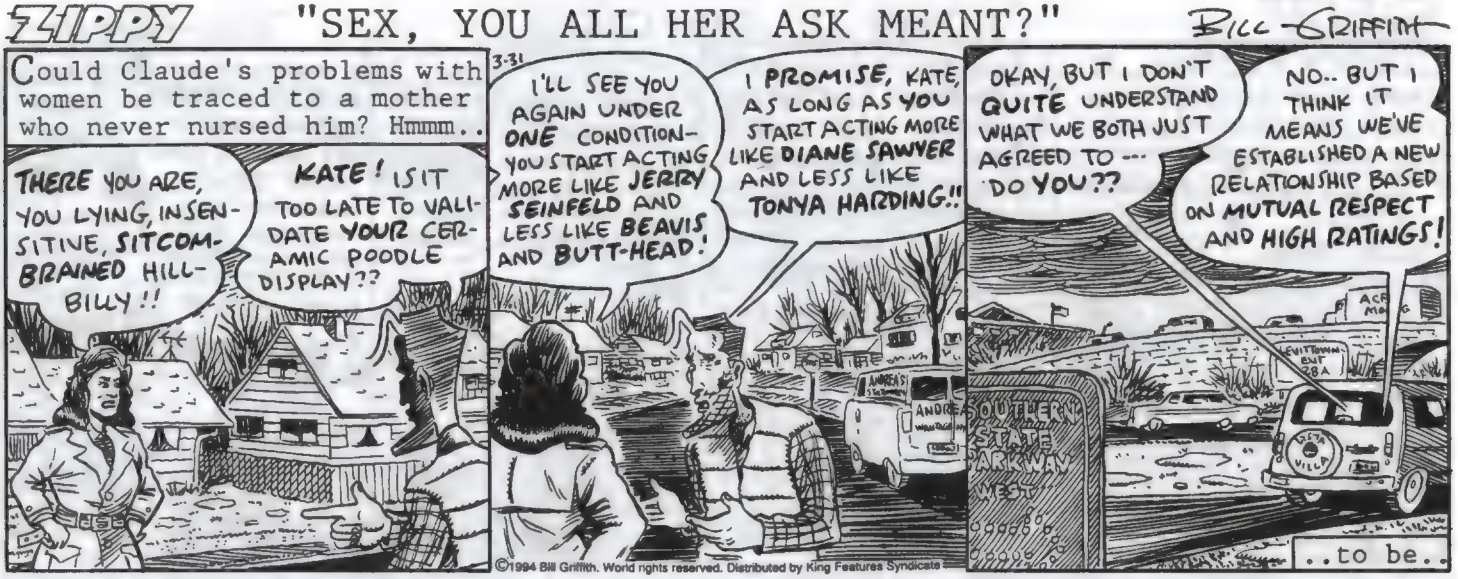
ZIPPY
"SEX, YOU ALL HER ASK MEANT?"
BILL GRIFFITH
Could Claude's problems with women be traced to a mother who never nursed him? Hmmm..
THERE YOU ARE, YOU LYING, INSENSITIVE, SITCOM-BRAINED HILLBILLY!!
KATE! IS IT TOO LATE TO VALIDATE YOUR CERAMIC POODLE DISPLAY??
3-31
I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN UNDER ONE CONDITION-- YOU START ACTING MORE LIKE JERRY SEINFELD AND LESS LIKE BEAVIS AND BUTT-HEAD!
I PROMISE, KATE, AS LONG AS YOU START ACTING MORE LIKE DIANE SAWYER AND LESS LIKE TONYA HARDING!!
ANDREAS
OKAY, BUT I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND WHAT WE BOTH JUST AGREED TO --- DO YOU??
NO.. BUT I THINK IT MEANS WE'VE ESTABLISHED A NEW RELATIONSHIP BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT AND HIGH RATINGS!
SOUTHERN STATE PARKWAY WEST
LEVITTOWN EXIT 28A
VISTA VILLA
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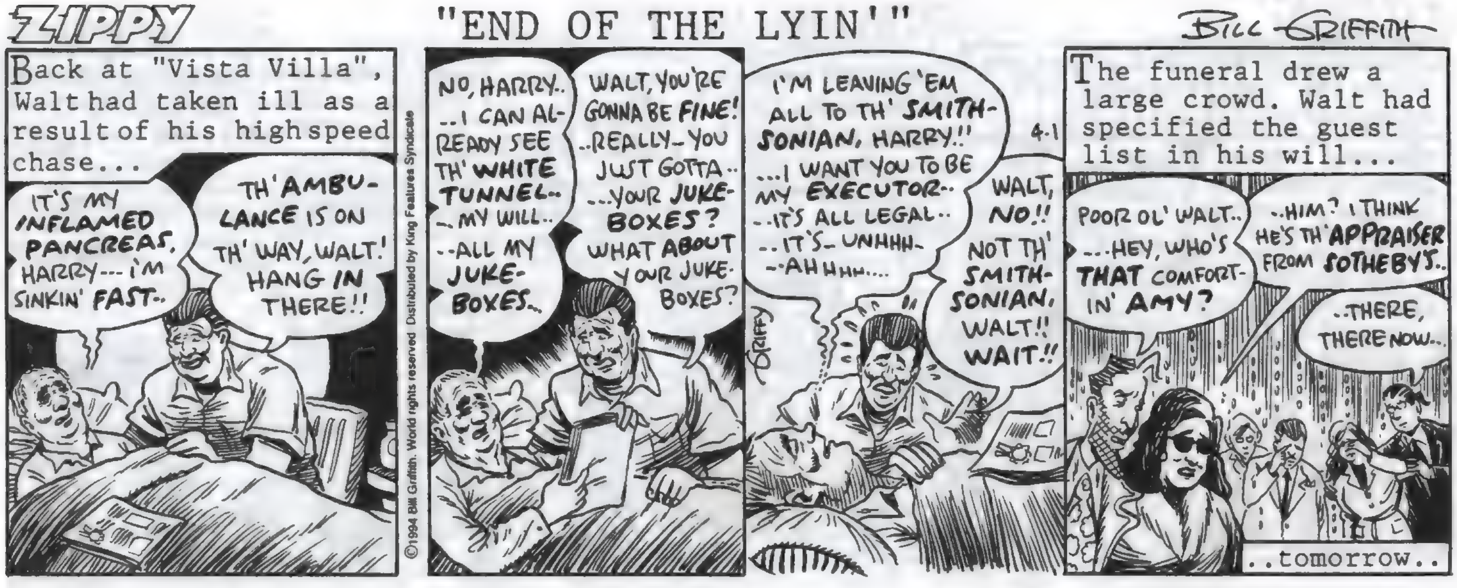
..to be..


ZIPPY
"END OF THE LYIN'"
BILL GRIFFITH
Back at "Vista Villa", Walt had taken ill as a result of his high speed chase...
IT'S MY INFLAMED PANCREAS, HARRY--- I'M SINKIN' FAST..
TH' AMBULANCE IS ON TH' WAY, WALT! HANG IN THERE!!
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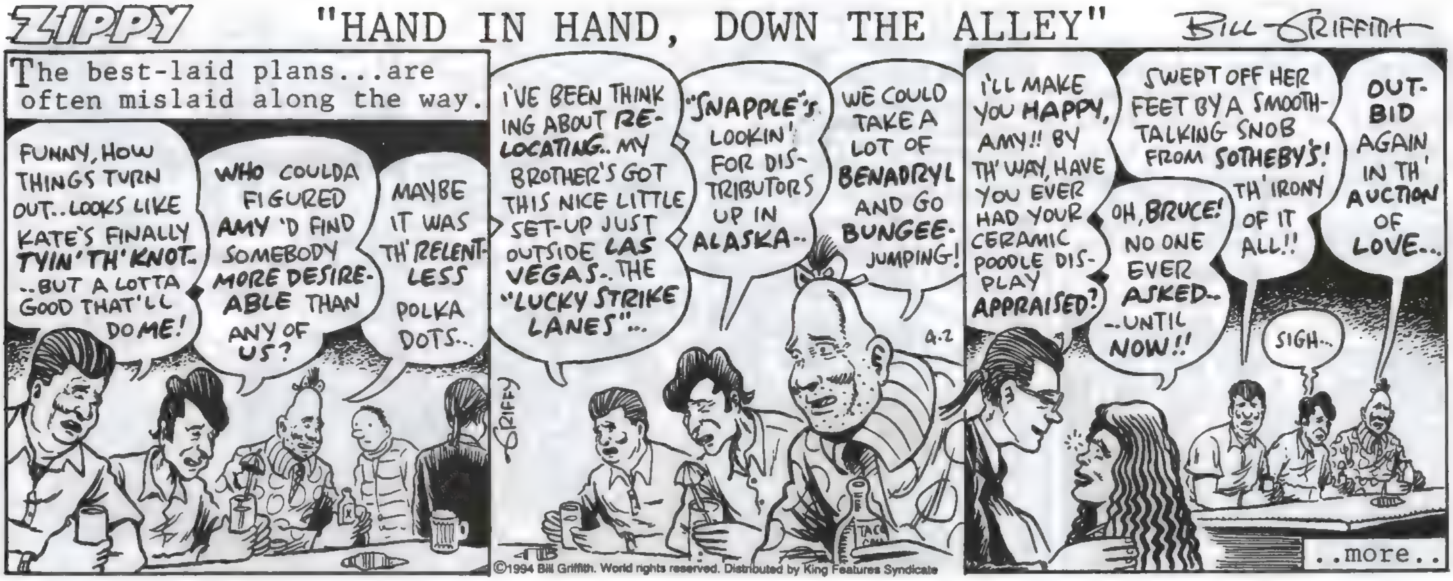
NO, HARRY.. ..I CAN ALREADY SEE TH' WHITE TUNNEL.. ..MY WILL.. ..ALL MY JUKEBOXES..
WALT, YOU'RE GONNA BE FINE! ..REALLY.. YOU JUST GOTTA.. ..YOUR JUKEBOXES? WHAT ABOUT YOUR JUKEBOXES?
GRIFFY
I'M LEAVING 'EM ALL TO TH' SMITHSONIAN, HARRY!! ...I WANT YOU TO BE MY EXECUTOR.. ..IT'S ALL LEGAL.. ..IT'S.. UNHHH.. --AHHHH....
4-1
WALT, NO!! NOT TH' SMITHSONIAN, WALT!! WAIT!!
The funeral drew a large crowd. Walt had specified the guest list in his will...
POOR OL' WALT.. --HEY, WHO'S THAT COMFORTIN' AMY?
..HIM? I THINK HE'S TH' APPRAISER FROM SOTHEBY'S..
..THERE, THERE NOW..
..tomorrow..


ZIPPY "HAND IN HAND, DOWN THE ALLEY" BILL GRIFFITH
The best-laid plans...are often mislaid along the way.
FUNNY, HOW THINGS TURN OUT.. LOOKS LIKE KATE'S FINALLY TYIN' TH' KNOT.. ..BUT A LOTTA GOOD THAT'LL DO ME!
WHO COULDA FIGURED AMY 'D FIND SOMEBODY MORE DESIRE-ABLE THAN ANY OF US?
MAYBE IT WAS TH' RELENT-LESS POLKA DOTS..
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT RE-LOCATING.. MY BROTHER'S GOT THIS NICE LITTLE SET-UP JUST OUTSIDE LAS VEGAS.. THE "LUCKY STRIKE LANES"...
"SNAPPLE"'s LOOKIN' FOR DIS-TRIBUTORS UP IN ALASKA..
WE COULD TAKE A LOT OF BENADRYL AND GO BUNGEE-JUMPING!
4-2
GRIFFY
I'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY, AMY!! BY TH' WAY, HAVE YOU EVER HAD YOUR CERAMIC POODLE DIS-PLAY APPRAISED?
OH, BRUCE! NO ONE EVER ASKED.. ..UNTIL NOW!!
SWEPT OFF HER FEET BY A SMOOTH-TALKING SNOB FROM SOTHEBY'S! TH' IRONY OF IT ALL!!
OUT-BID AGAIN IN TH' AUCTION OF LOVE..
SIGH..
..more..
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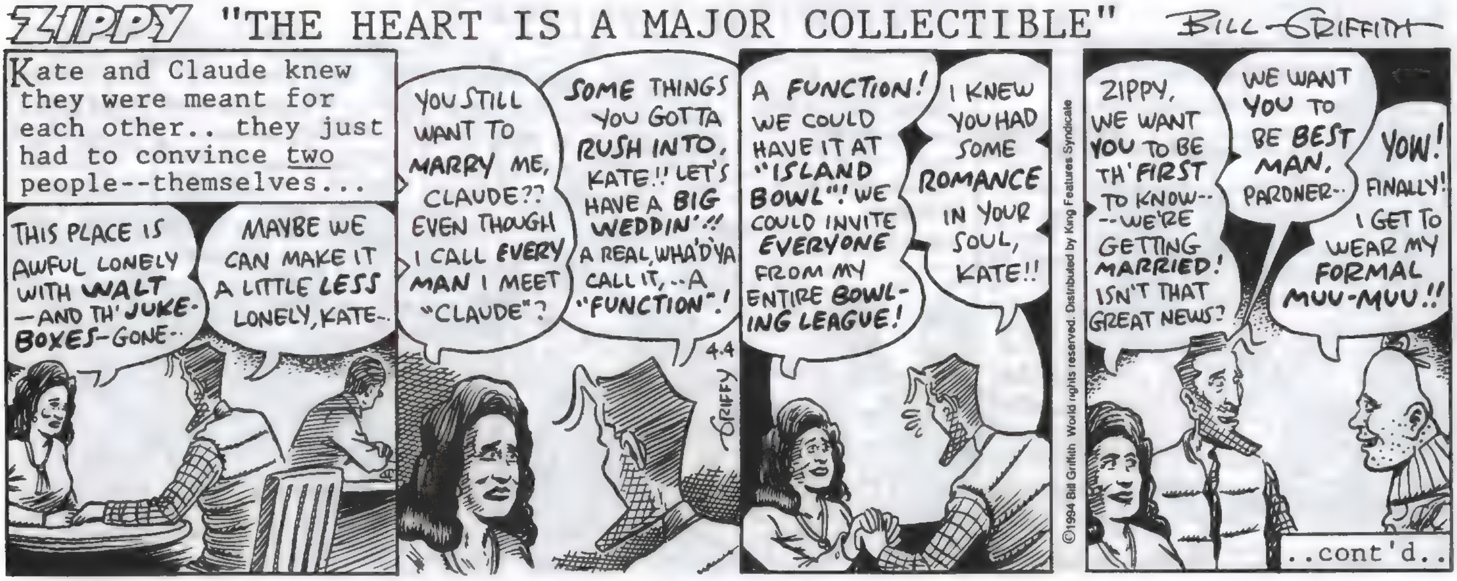
ZIPPY "THE HEART IS A MAJOR COLLECTIBLE" BILL GRIFFITH
Kate and Claude knew they were meant for each other.. they just had to convince two people--themselves...
THIS PLACE IS AWFUL LONELY WITH WALT —AND TH' JUKE-BOXES—GONE..
MAYBE WE CAN MAKE IT A LITTLE LESS LONELY, KATE..
YOU STILL WANT TO MARRY ME, CLAUDE?? EVEN THOUGH I CALL EVERY MAN I MEET "CLAUDE"?
SOME THINGS YOU GOTTA RUSH INTO, KATE!! LET'S HAVE A BIG WEDDIN'!! A REAL, WHA'D'YA CALL IT, ..A "FUNCTION"!
4-4
GRIFFY
A FUNCTION! WE COULD HAVE IT AT "ISLAND BOWL"! WE COULD INVITE EVERYONE FROM MY ENTIRE BOWL-ING LEAGUE!
I KNEW YOU HAD SOME ROMANCE IN YOUR SOUL, KATE!!
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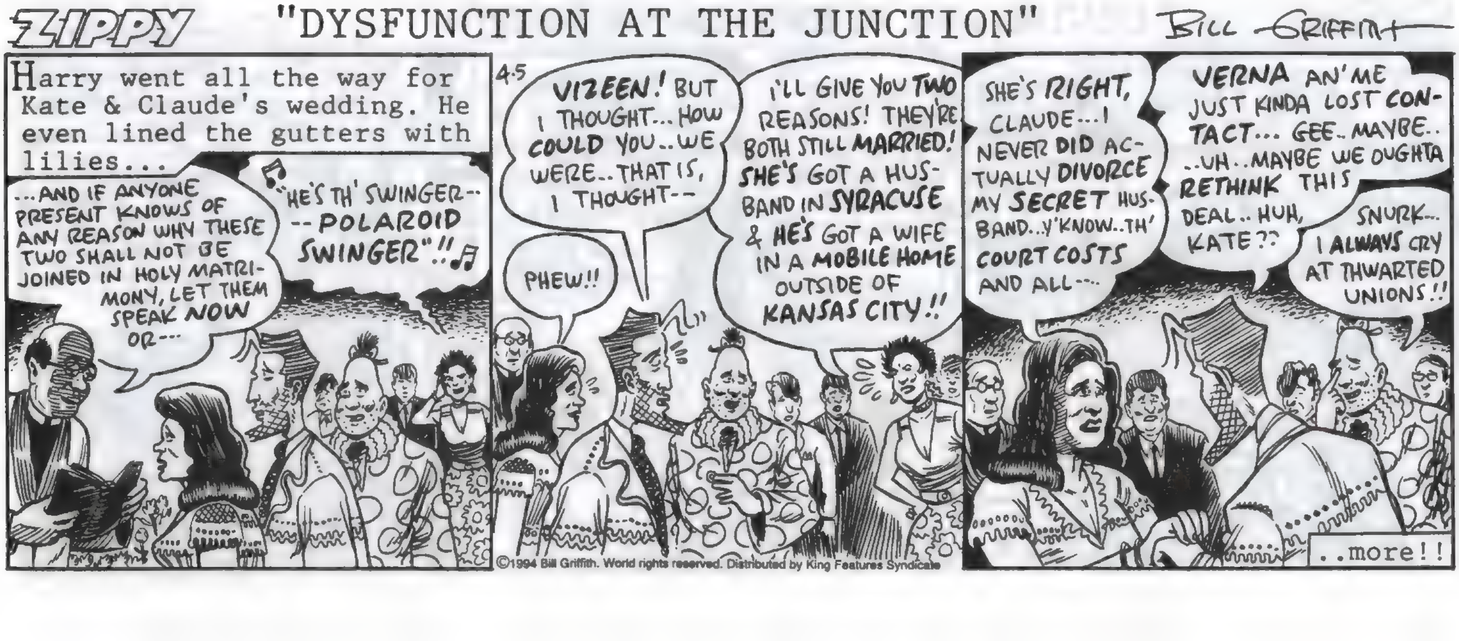
ZIPPY, WE WANT YOU TO BE TH' FIRST TO KNOW-- --WE'RE GETTING MARRIED! ISN'T THAT GREAT NEWS?
WE WANT YOU TO BE BEST MAN, PARDNER..
YOW! FINALLY! I GET TO WEAR MY FORMAL MUU-MUU!!
..cont'd..


ZIPPY "DYSFUNCTION AT THE JUNCTION" BILL GRIFFITH
Harry went all the way for Kate & Claude's wedding. He even lined the gutters with lilies...
...AND IF ANYONE PRESENT KNOWS OF ANY REASON WHY THESE TWO SHALL NOT BE JOINED IN HOLY MATRI-MONY, LET THEM SPEAK NOW OR---
"HE'S TH' SWINGER-- --POLAROID SWINGER"!!
4-5
VIZEEN! BUT I THOUGHT... HOW COULD YOU.. WE WERE.. THAT IS, I THOUGHT--
PHEW!!
I'LL GIVE YOU TWO REASONS! THEY'RE BOTH STILL MARRIED! SHE'S GOT A HUS-BAND IN SYRACUSE & HE'S GOT A WIFE IN A MOBILE HOME OUTSIDE OF KANSAS CITY!!
SHE'S RIGHT, CLAUDE...I NEVER DID AC-TUALLY DIVORCE MY SECRET HUS-BAND..Y'KNOW..TH' COURT COSTS AND ALL---
VERNA AN' ME JUST KINDA LOST CON-TACT... GEE.. MAYBE.. ..UH.. MAYBE WE OUGHTA RETHINK THIS DEAL.. HUH, KATE??
SNURK... I ALWAYS CRY AT THWARTED UNIONS!!
..more!!
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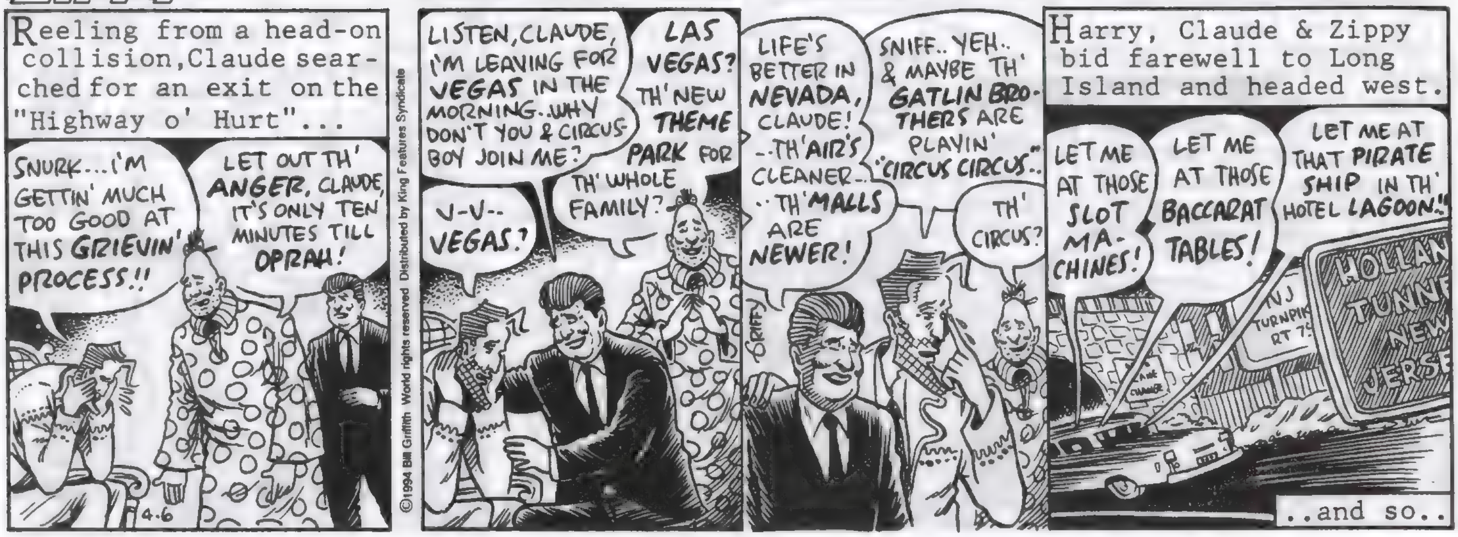
ZIPPY "SEND OFF THE CLOWNS" Bill Griffith


Reeling from a head-on collision, Claude searched for an exit on the "Highway o' Hurt"...
SNURK...I'M GETTIN' MUCH TOO GOOD AT THIS GRIEVIN' PROCESS!!
LET OUT TH' ANGER, CLAUDE, IT'S ONLY TEN MINUTES TILL OPRAH!
4-6
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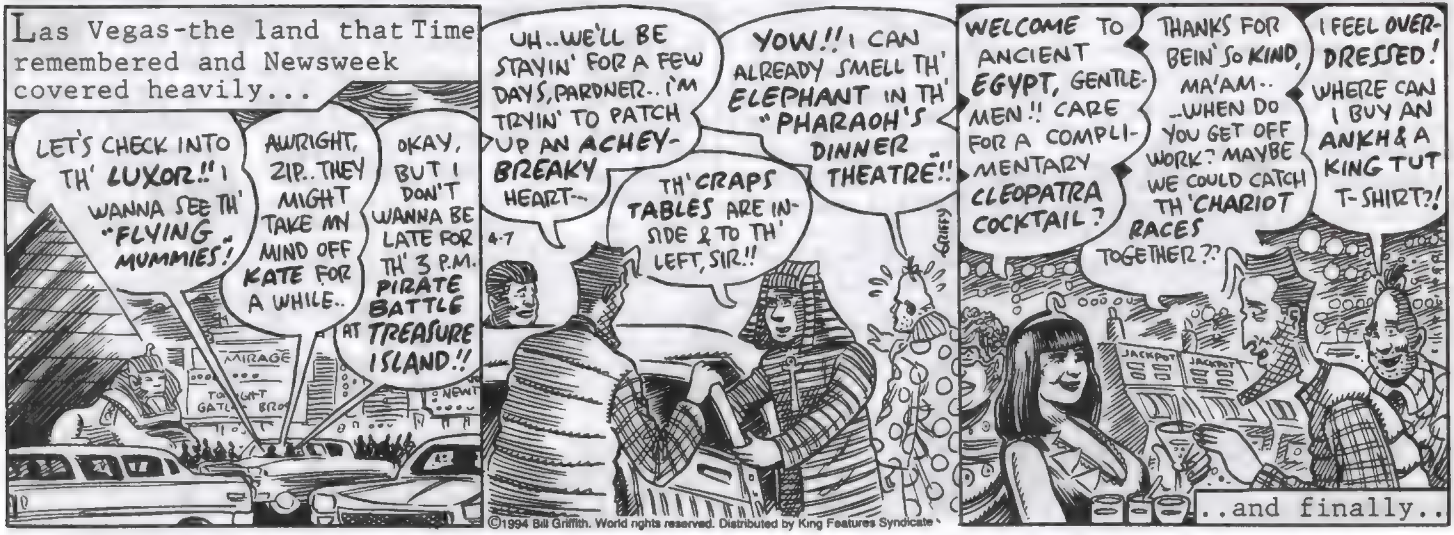
LISTEN, CLAUDE, I'M LEAVING FOR VEGAS IN THE MORNING..WHY DON'T YOU & CIRCUS-BOY JOIN ME?
LAS VEGAS? TH' NEW THEME PARK FOR TH' WHOLE FAMILY?
V-V-- VEGAS?
LIFE'S BETTER IN NEVADA, CLAUDE! --TH' AIR'S CLEANER.. ..TH' MALLS ARE NEWER!
SNIFF.. YEH.. & MAYBE TH' GATLIN BROTHERS ARE PLAYIN' "CIRCUS CIRCUS"..
TH' CIRCUS?
GRIFFY
Harry, Claude & Zippy bid farewell to Long Island and headed west.
LET ME AT THOSE SLOT MA-CHINES!
LET ME AT THOSE BACCARAT TABLES!
LET ME AT THAT PIRATE SHIP IN TH' HOTEL LAGOON!!
NJ TURNPIK RT 7
HOLLAN TUNN NEW JERSE
..and so..

ZIPPY "DRINKS WITH THE SPHINX" Bill Griffith


Las Vegas-the land that Time remembered and Newsweek covered heavily...
LET'S CHECK INTO TH' LUXOR!! I WANNA SEE TH' "FLYING MUMMIES"!
AWRIGHT, ZIP.. THEY MIGHT TAKE MY MIND OFF KATE FOR A WHILE..
OKAY, BUT I DON'T WANNA BE LATE FOR TH' 3 P.M. PIRATE BATTLE AT TREASURE ISLAND!!
MIRAGE
TONIGHT GATLIN BRO
NEWT
UH..WE'LL BE STAYIN' FOR A FEW DAYS, PARDNER.. I'M TRYIN' TO PATCH UP AN ACHEY-BREAKY HEART--
YOW!! I CAN ALREADY SMELL TH' ELEPHANT IN TH' "PHARAOH'S DINNER THEATRE"!!
TH' CRAPS TABLES ARE INSIDE & TO TH' LEFT, SIR!!
4-7
GRIFFY
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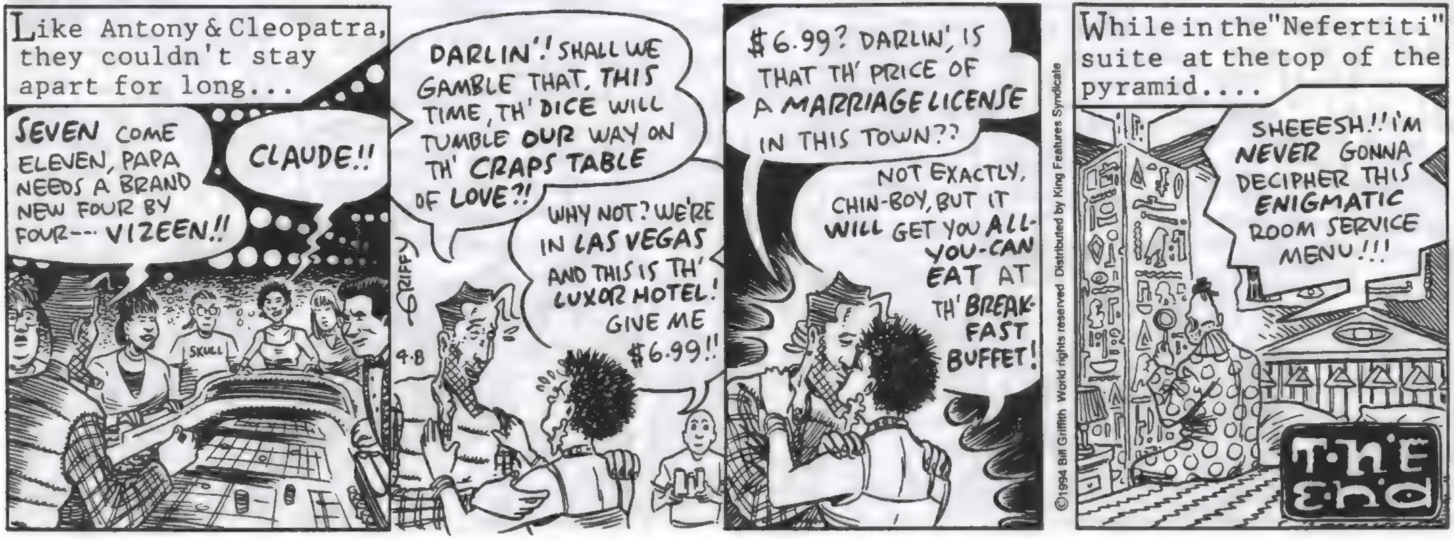
WELCOME TO ANCIENT EGYPT, GENTLEMEN!! CARE FOR A COMPLIMENTARY CLEOPATRA COCKTAIL?
THANKS FOR BEIN' SO KIND, MA'AM.. ..WHEN DO YOU GET OFF WORK? MAYBE WE COULD CATCH TH' CHARIOT RACES TOGETHER??
I FEEL OVER-DRESSED! WHERE CAN I BUY AN ANKH & A KING TUT T-SHIRT?!
JACKPOT
JACKPOT
..and finally..

ZIPPY "DENIAL IS A TWO-WAY RIVER" Bill Griffith


Like Antony & Cleopatra, they couldn't stay apart for long...
SEVEN COME ELEVEN, PAPA NEEDS A BRAND NEW FOUR BY FOUR--- VIZEEN!!
CLAUDE!!
SKULL
DARLIN'! SHALL WE GAMBLE THAT, THIS TIME, TH' DICE WILL TUMBLE OUR WAY ON TH' CRAPS TABLE OF LOVE?!
WHY NOT? WE'RE IN LAS VEGAS AND THIS IS TH' LUXOR HOTEL! GIVE ME $6.99!!
GRIFFY
4-8
$6.99? DARLIN', IS THAT TH' PRICE OF A MARRIAGE LICENSE IN THIS TOWN??
NOT EXACTLY, CHIN-BOY, BUT IT WILL GET YOU ALL-YOU-CAN EAT AT TH' BREAKFAST BUFFET!
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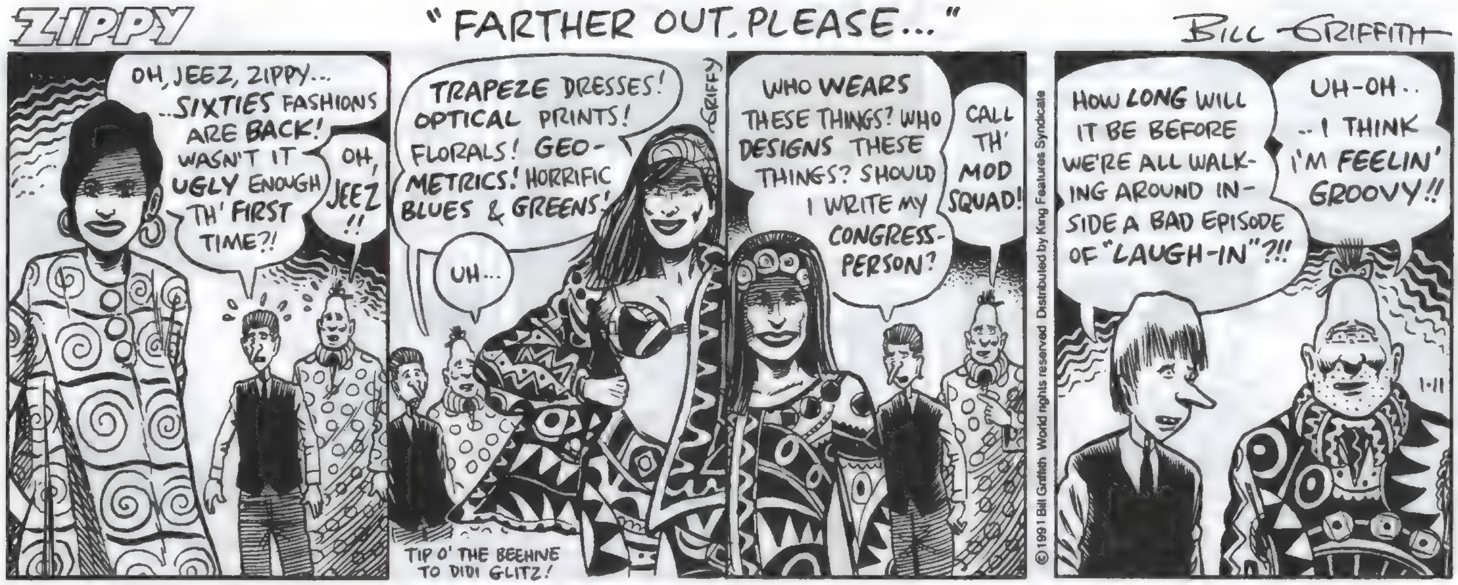
While in the "Nefertiti" suite at the top of the pyramid....
SHEEESH!! I'M NEVER GONNA DECIPHER THIS ENIGMATIC ROOM SERVICE MENU!!!
THE END


ZIPPY
"FARTHER OUT, PLEASE..."
BILL GRIFFITH
OH, JEEZ, ZIPPY... ...SIXTIES FASHIONS ARE BACK! WASN'T IT UGLY ENOUGH TH' FIRST TIME?!
OH, JEEZ !!
TRAPEZE DRESSES! OPTICAL PRINTS! FLORALS! GEOMETRICS! HORRIFIC BLUES & GREENS!
UH...
GRIFFY
TIP O' THE BEEHIVE TO DIDI GLITZ!
WHO WEARS THESE THINGS? WHO DESIGNS THESE THINGS? SHOULD I WRITE MY CONGRESS-PERSON?
CALL TH' MOD SQUAD!
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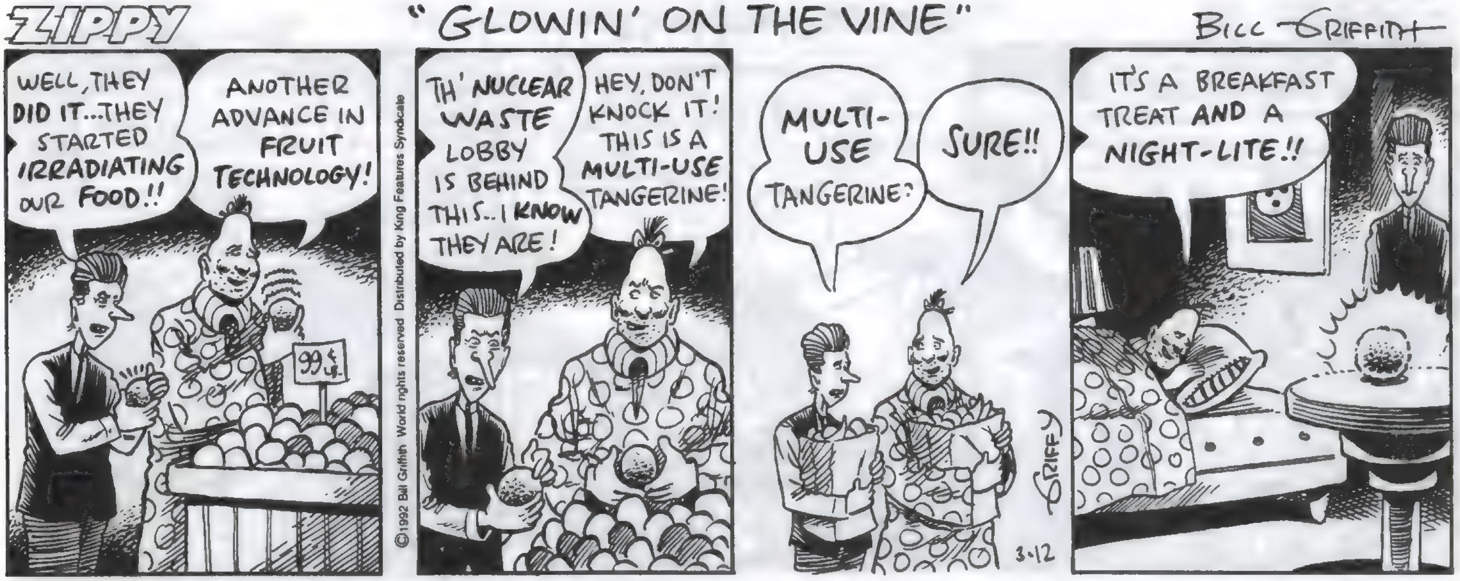
HOW LONG WILL IT BE BEFORE WE'RE ALL WALKING AROUND INSIDE A BAD EPISODE OF "LAUGH-IN"?!!
UH-OH.. ..I THINK I'M FEELIN' GROOVY!!
1-11


ZIPPY
"GLOWIN' ON THE VINE"
BILL GRIFFITH
WELL, THEY DID IT...THEY STARTED IRRADIATING OUR FOOD!!
ANOTHER ADVANCE IN FRUIT TECHNOLOGY!
99¢ LB.
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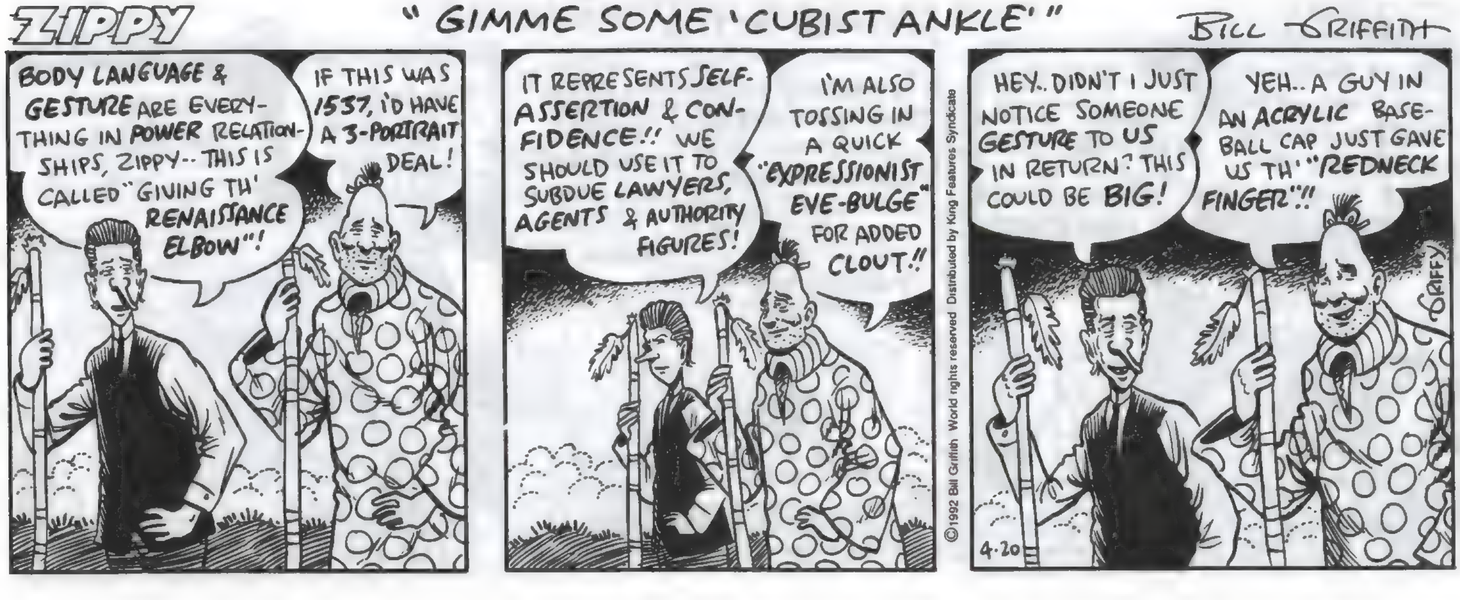
TH' NUCLEAR WASTE LOBBY IS BEHIND THIS...I KNOW THEY ARE!
HEY, DON'T KNOCK IT! THIS IS A MULTI-USE TANGERINE!
MULTI-USE TANGERINE?
SURE!!
GRIFFY
3-12
IT'S A BREAKFAST TREAT AND A NIGHT-LITE!!


ZIPPY
"GIMME SOME 'CUBIST ANKLE'"
BILL GRIFFITH
BODY LANGUAGE & GESTURE ARE EVERYTHING IN POWER RELATIONSHIPS, ZIPPY-- THIS IS CALLED "GIVING TH' RENAISSANCE ELBOW"!
IF THIS WAS 1537, I'D HAVE A 3-PORTRAIT DEAL!
IT REPRESENTS SELF-ASSERTION & CONFIDENCE!! WE SHOULD USE IT TO SUBDUE LAWYERS, AGENTS & AUTHORITY FIGURES!
I'M ALSO TOSSING IN A QUICK "EXPRESSIONIST EYE-BULGE" FOR ADDED CLOUT!!
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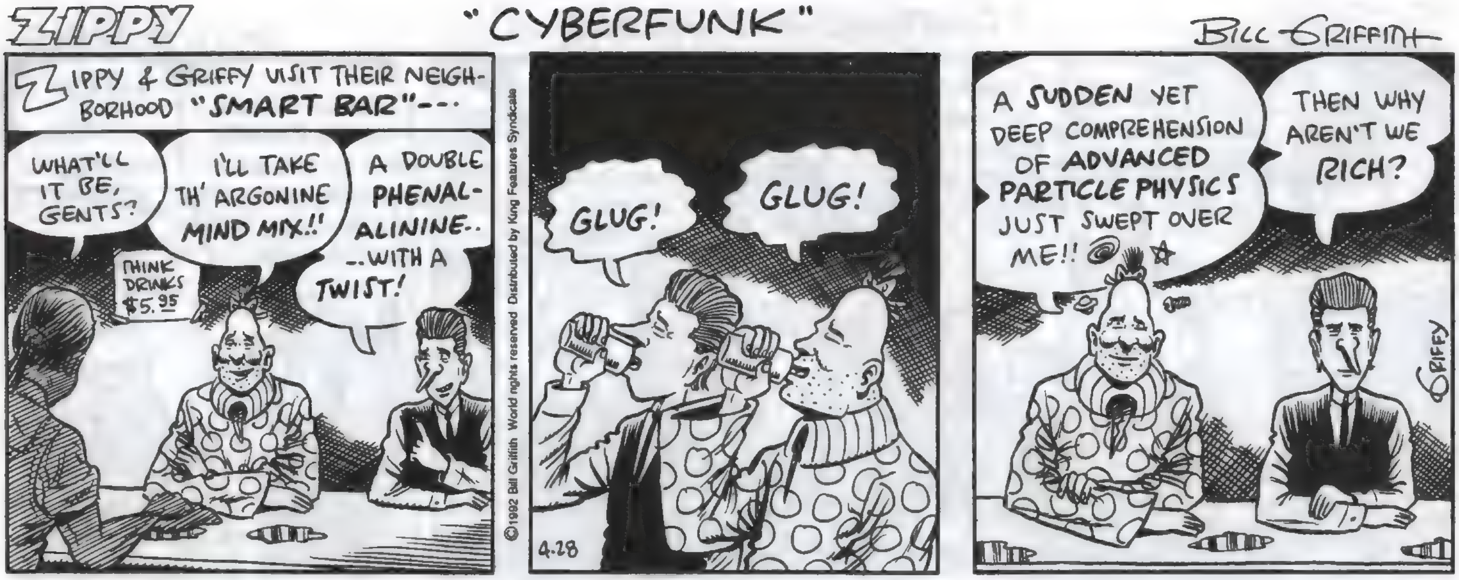
HEY.. DIDN'T I JUST NOTICE SOMEONE GESTURE TO US IN RETURN? THIS COULD BE BIG!
YEH.. A GUY IN AN ACRYLIC BASEBALL CAP JUST GAVE US TH' "REDNECK FINGER"!!
GRIFFY
4-20


ZIPPY
"CYBERFUNK"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY & GRIFFY VISIT THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD "SMART BAR"---
WHAT'LL IT BE, GENTS?
I'LL TAKE TH' ARGONINE MIND MIX!!
A DOUBLE PHENAL-ALININE.. --WITH A TWIST!
THINK DRINKS $5.95
GLUG!
GLUG!
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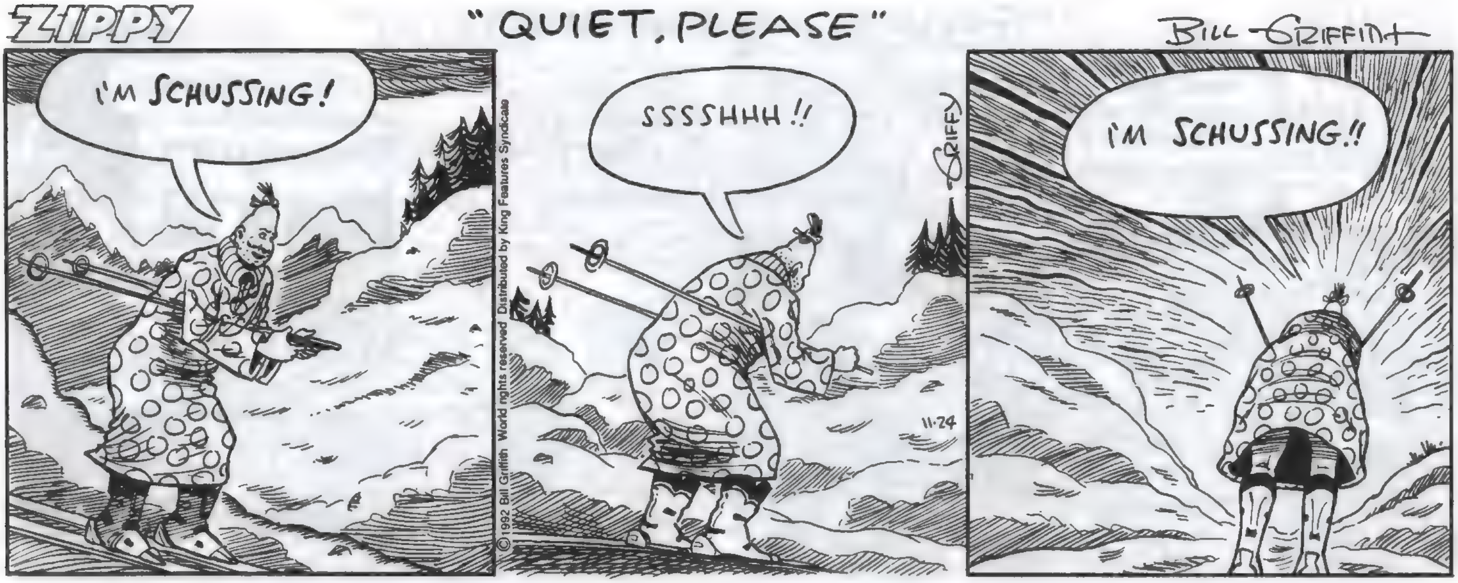
4-28
A SUDDEN YET DEEP COMPREHENSION OF ADVANCED PARTICLE PHYSICS JUST SWEPT OVER ME!!
THEN WHY AREN'T WE RICH?
GRIFFY


ZIPPY
"QUIET, PLEASE"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'M SCHUSSING!
SSSSHHH!!
GRIFFY
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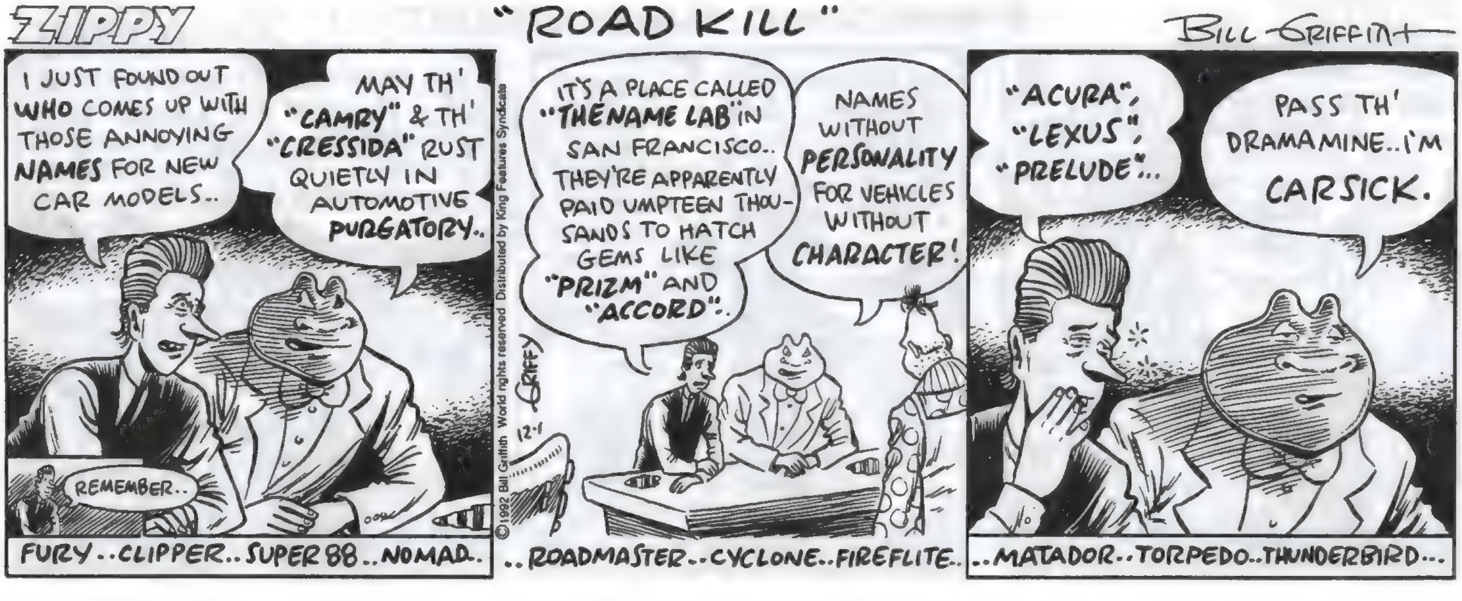
11-24
I'M SCHUSSING!!


ZIPPY
"ROAD KILL"
BILL GRIFFITH
I JUST FOUND OUT WHO COMES UP WITH THOSE ANNOYING NAMES FOR NEW CAR MODELS..
MAY TH' "CAMRY" & TH' "CRESSIDA" RUST QUIETLY IN AUTOMOTIVE PURGATORY..
REMEMBER..
FURY..CLIPPER..SUPER 88..NOMAD..
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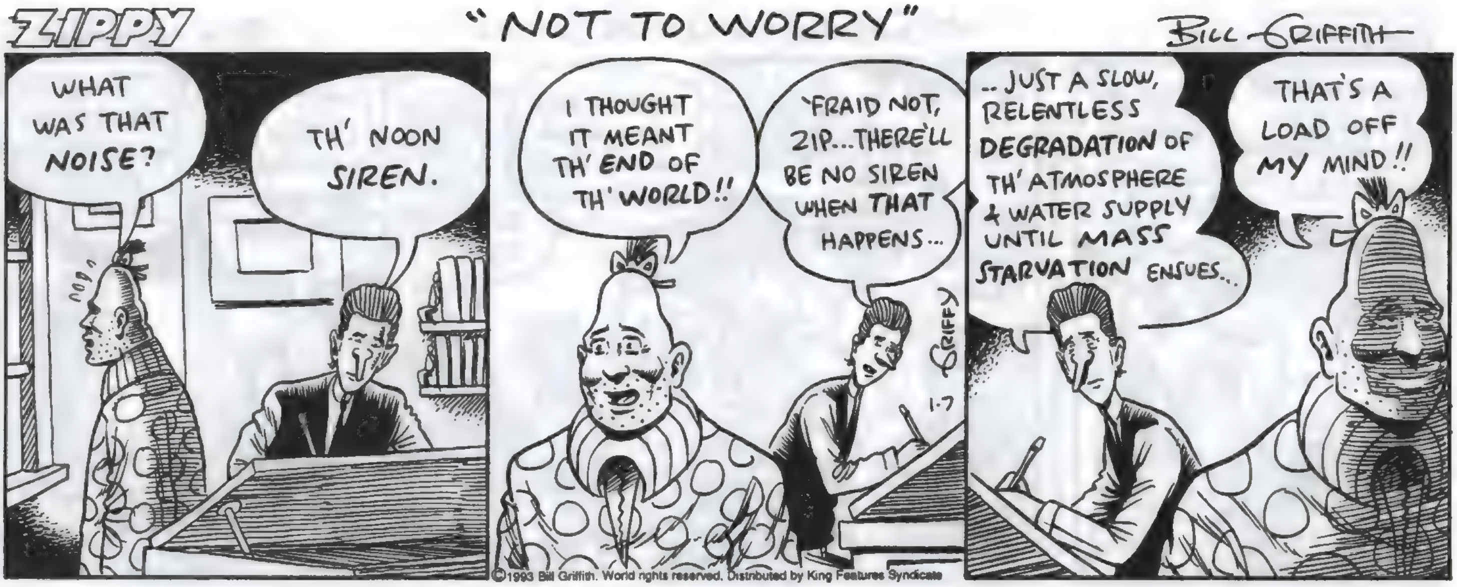
12-1
GRIFFY
IT'S A PLACE CALLED "THE NAME LAB" IN SAN FRANCISCO.. THEY'RE APPARENTLY PAID UMPTEEN THOUSANDS TO HATCH GEMS LIKE "PRIZM" AND "ACCORD"..
NAMES WITHOUT PERSONALITY FOR VEHICLES WITHOUT CHARACTER!
..ROADMASTER..CYCLONE..FIREFLITE..
"ACURA", "LEXUS", "PRELUDE"...
PASS TH' DRAMAMINE..I'M CARSICK.
..MATADOR..TORPEDO..THUNDERBIRD...


ZIPPY
"NOT TO WORRY"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?
TH' NOON SIREN.
I THOUGHT IT MEANT TH' END OF TH' WORLD!!
'FRAID NOT, ZIP... THERE'LL BE NO SIREN WHEN THAT HAPPENS...
GRIFFY
1-7
.. JUST A SLOW, RELENTLESS DEGRADATION OF TH' ATMOSPHERE & WATER SUPPLY UNTIL MASS STARVATION ENSUES..
THAT'S A LOAD OFF MY MIND!!
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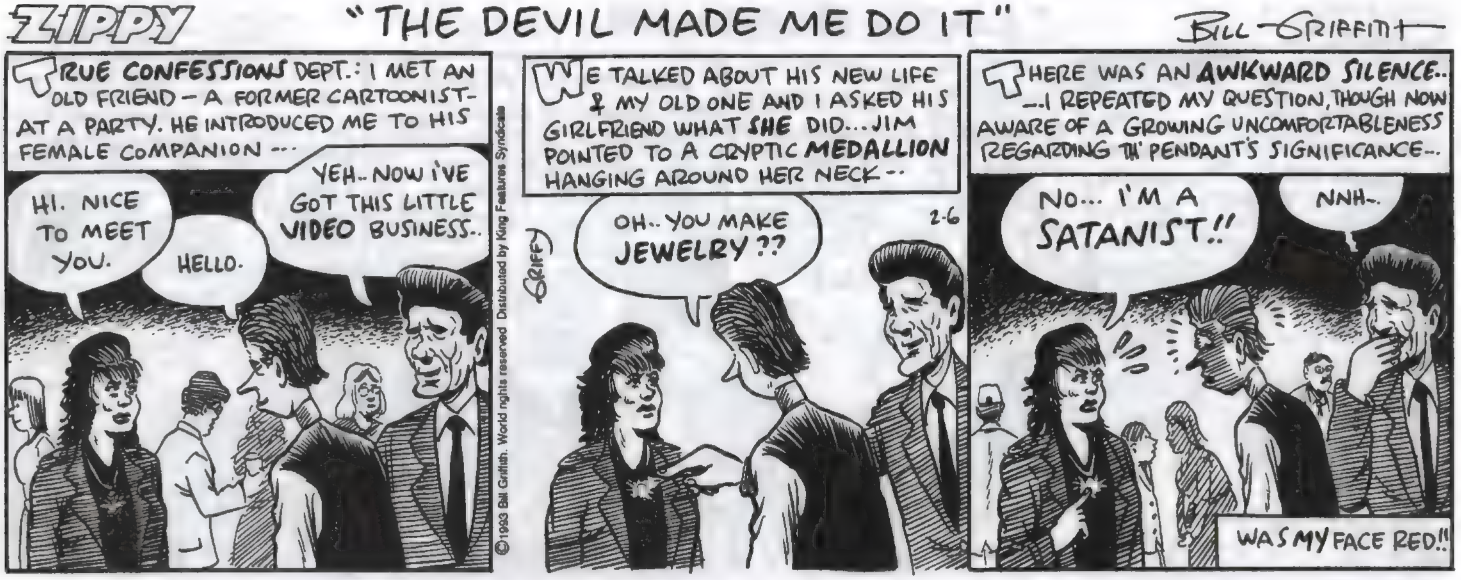
ZIPPY
"THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT"
BILL GRIFFITH
TRUE CONFESSIONS DEPT.: I MET AN OLD FRIEND — A FORMER CARTOONIST— AT A PARTY. HE INTRODUCED ME TO HIS FEMALE COMPANION ...
HI. NICE TO MEET YOU.
HELLO.
YEH.. NOW I'VE GOT THIS LITTLE VIDEO BUSINESS..
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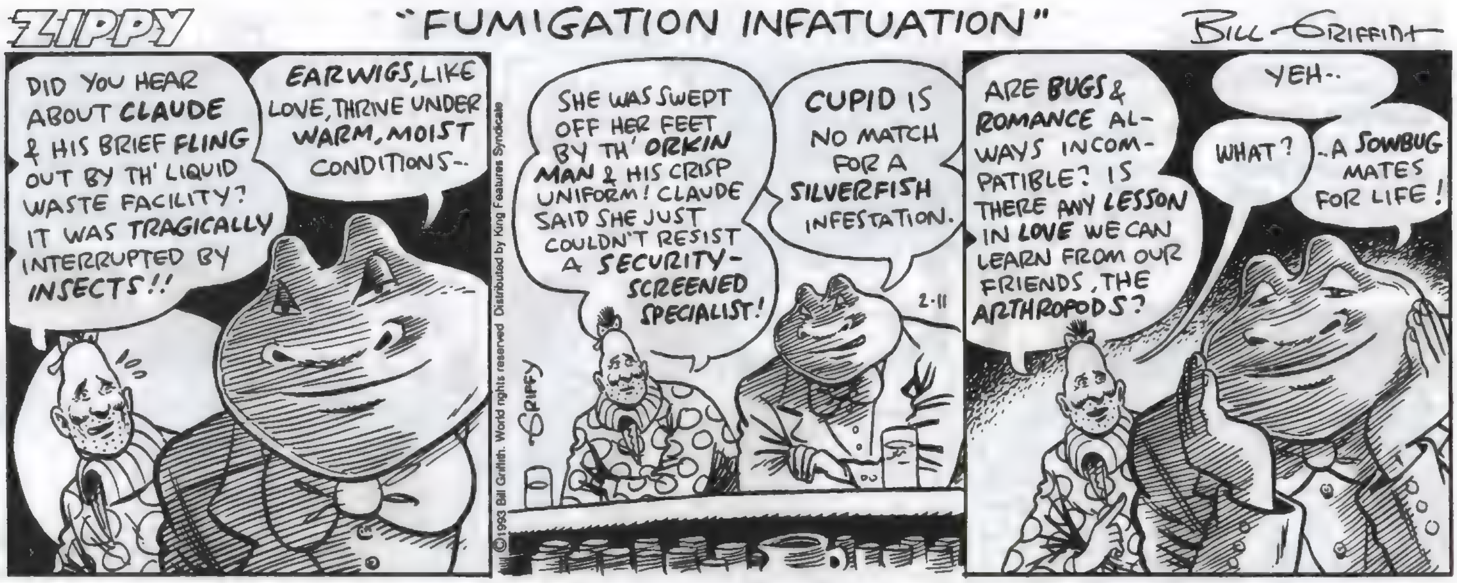
GRIFFY
WE TALKED ABOUT HIS NEW LIFE & MY OLD ONE AND I ASKED HIS GIRLFRIEND WHAT SHE DID... JIM POINTED TO A CRYPTIC MEDALLION HANGING AROUND HER NECK ..
2-6
OH.. YOU MAKE JEWELRY??
THERE WAS AN AWKWARD SILENCE.. ..I REPEATED MY QUESTION, THOUGH NOW AWARE OF A GROWING UNCOMFORTABLENESS REGARDING TH' PENDANT'S SIGNIFICANCE..
NO... I'M A SATANIST!!
NNH..
WAS MY FACE RED!!


ZIPPY
"FUMIGATION INFATUATION"
BILL GRIFFITH
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT CLAUDE & HIS BRIEF FLING OUT BY TH' LIQUID WASTE FACILITY? IT WAS TRAGICALLY INTERRUPTED BY INSECTS!!
EARWIGS, LIKE LOVE, THRIVE UNDER WARM, MOIST CONDITIONS..
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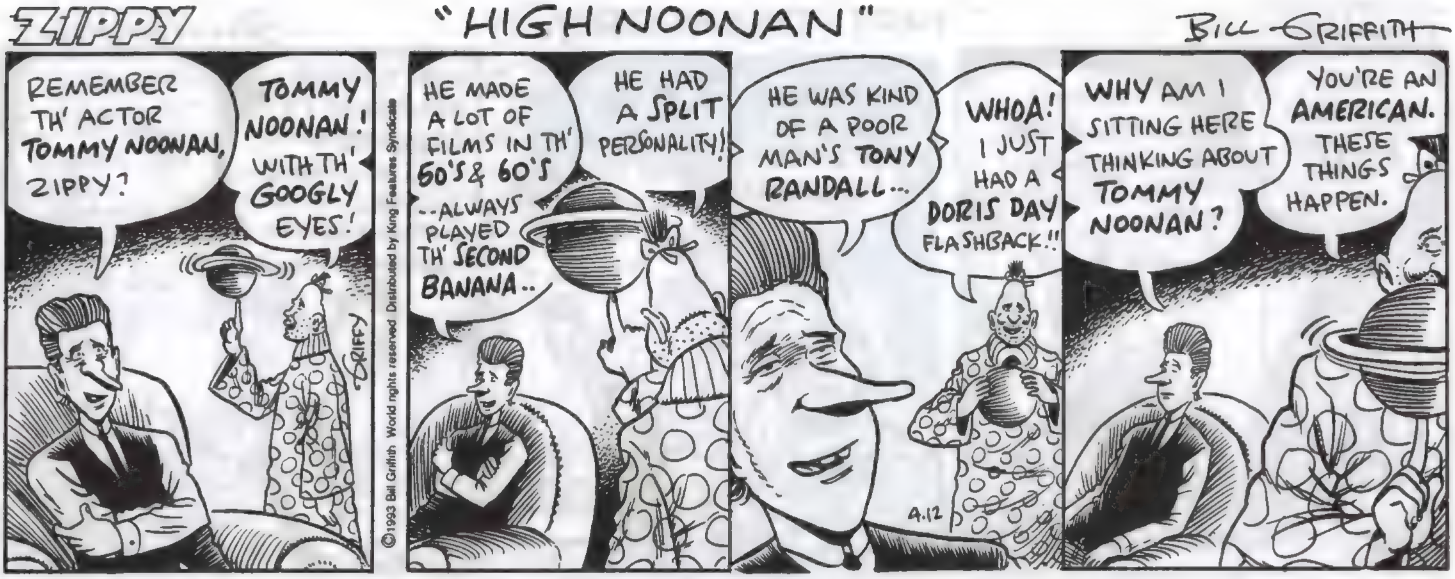
GRIFFY
SHE WAS SWEPT OFF HER FEET BY TH' ORKIN MAN & HIS CRISP UNIFORM! CLAUDE SAID SHE JUST COULDN'T RESIST A SECURITY-SCREENED SPECIALIST!
CUPID IS NO MATCH FOR A SILVERFISH INFESTATION.
2-11
ARE BUGS & ROMANCE ALWAYS INCOMPATIBLE? IS THERE ANY LESSON IN LOVE WE CAN LEARN FROM OUR FRIENDS, THE ARTHROPODS?
YEH..
WHAT?
..A SOWBUG MATES FOR LIFE!


ZIPPY
"HIGH NOONAN"
BILL GRIFFITH
REMEMBER TH' ACTOR TOMMY NOONAN, ZIPPY?
TOMMY NOONAN! WITH TH' GOOGLY EYES!
GRIFFY
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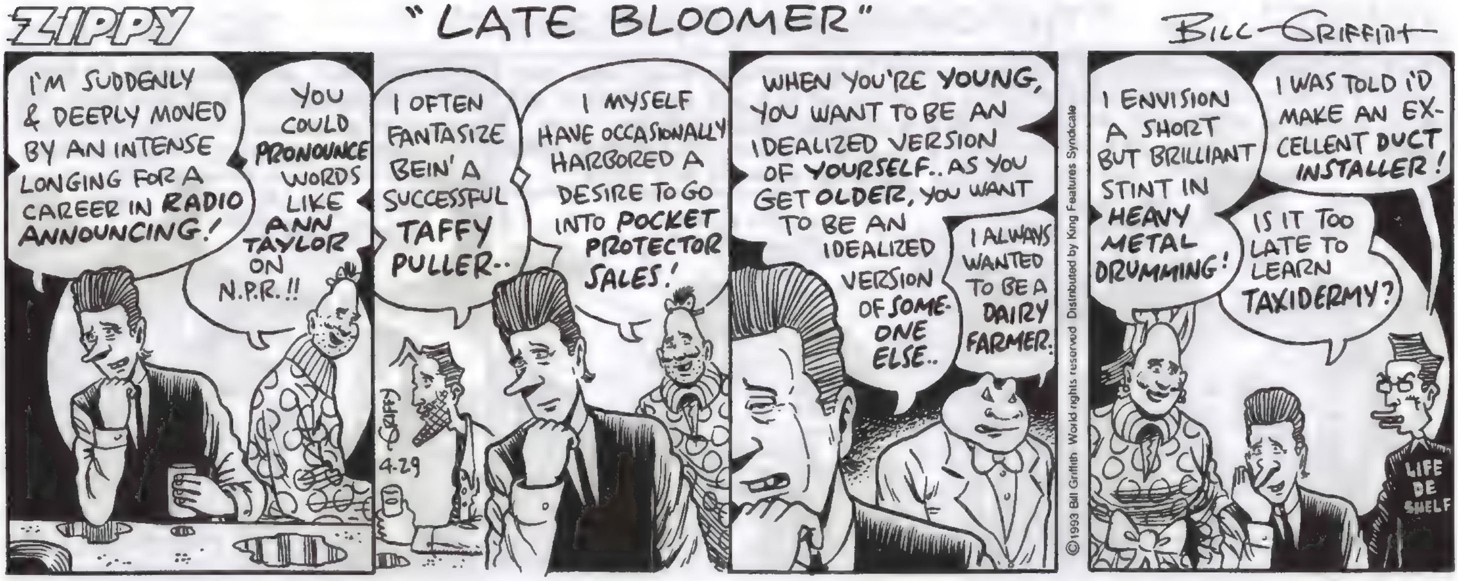
HE MADE A LOT OF FILMS IN TH' 50'S & 60'S --ALWAYS PLAYED TH' SECOND BANANA..
HE HAD A SPLIT PERSONALITY!
HE WAS KIND OF A POOR MAN'S TONY RANDALL...
WHOA! I JUST HAD A DORIS DAY FLASHBACK!!
4.12
WHY AM I SITTING HERE THINKING ABOUT TOMMY NOONAN?
YOU'RE AN AMERICAN. THESE THINGS HAPPEN.


ZIPPY
"LATE BLOOMER"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'M SUDDENLY & DEEPLY MOVED BY AN INTENSE LONGING FOR A CAREER IN RADIO ANNOUNCING!
YOU COULD PRONOUNCE WORDS LIKE ANN TAYLOR ON N.P.R.!!
I OFTEN FANTASIZE BEIN' A SUCCESSFUL TAFFY PULLER..
I MYSELF HAVE OCCASIONALLY HARBORED A DESIRE TO GO INTO POCKET PROTECTOR SALES!
GRIFFY
4.29
WHEN YOU'RE YOUNG, YOU WANT TO BE AN IDEALIZED VERSION OF YOURSELF.. AS YOU GET OLDER, YOU WANT TO BE AN IDEALIZED VERSION OF SOMEONE ELSE..
I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A DAIRY FARMER.
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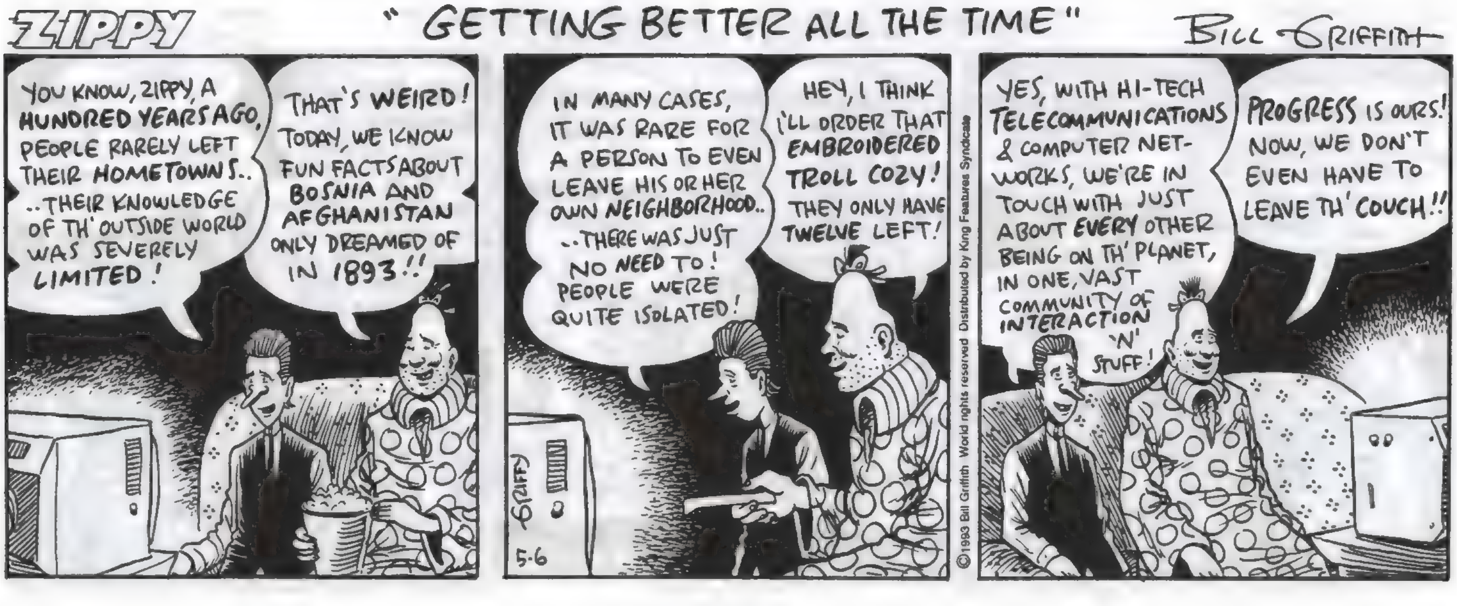
I ENVISION A SHORT BUT BRILLIANT STINT IN HEAVY METAL DRUMMING!
I WAS TOLD I'D MAKE AN EXCELLENT DUCT INSTALLER!
IS IT TOO LATE TO LEARN TAXIDERMY?
LIFE DE SHELF


ZIPPY
"GETTING BETTER ALL THE TIME"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU KNOW, ZIPPY, A HUNDRED YEARS AGO, PEOPLE RARELY LEFT THEIR HOMETOWNS.. ..THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF TH' OUTSIDE WORLD WAS SEVERELY LIMITED!
THAT'S WEIRD! TODAY, WE KNOW FUN FACTS ABOUT BOSNIA AND AFGHANISTAN ONLY DREAMED OF IN 1893!!
IN MANY CASES, IT WAS RARE FOR A PERSON TO EVEN LEAVE HIS OR HER OWN NEIGHBORHOOD.. ..THERE WAS JUST NO NEED TO! PEOPLE WERE QUITE ISOLATED!
HEY, I THINK I'LL ORDER THAT EMBROIDERED TROLL COZY! THEY ONLY HAVE TWELVE LEFT!
GRIFFY
5-6
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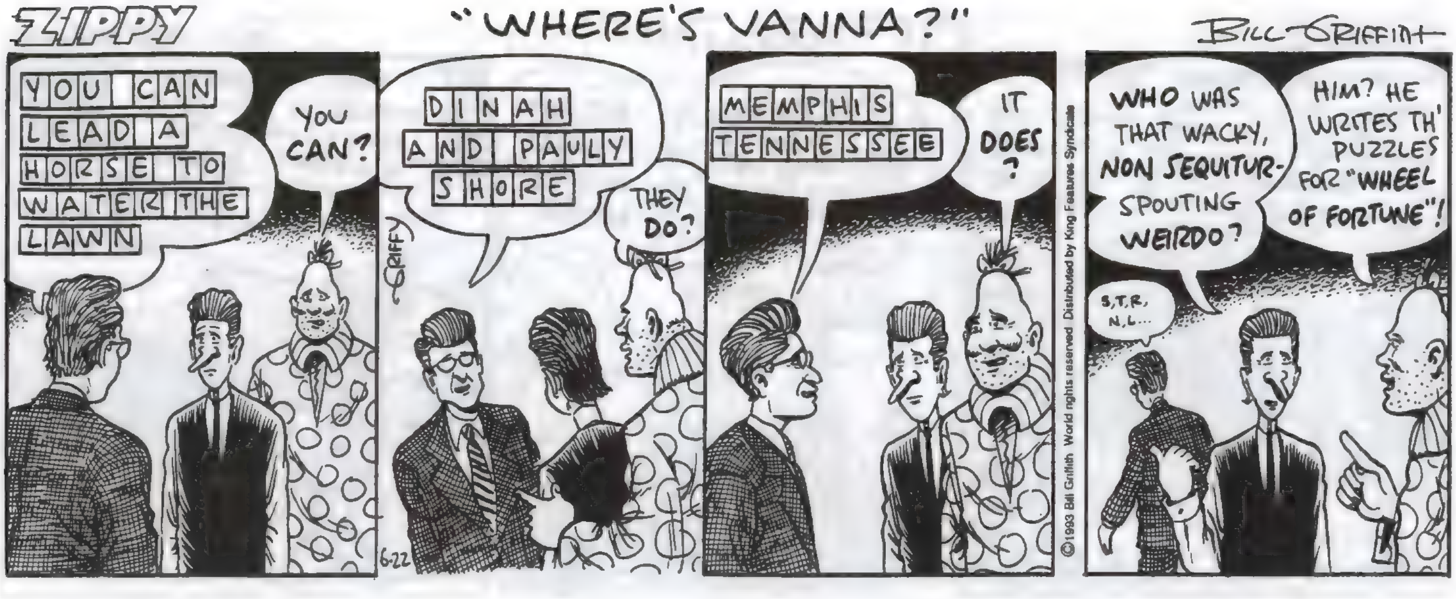
YES, WITH HI-TECH TELECOMMUNICATIONS & COMPUTER NETWORKS, WE'RE IN TOUCH WITH JUST ABOUT EVERY OTHER BEING ON TH' PLANET, IN ONE VAST COMMUNITY OF INTERACTION 'N' STUFF!
PROGRESS IS OURS! NOW, WE DON'T EVEN HAVE TO LEAVE TH' COUCH!!


ZIPPY
"WHERE'S VANNA?"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU CAN LEAD A HORSE TO WATER THE LAWN
YOU CAN?
DINAH AND PAULY SHORE
THEY DO?
GRIFFY
6-22
MEMPHIS TENNESSEE
IT DOES?
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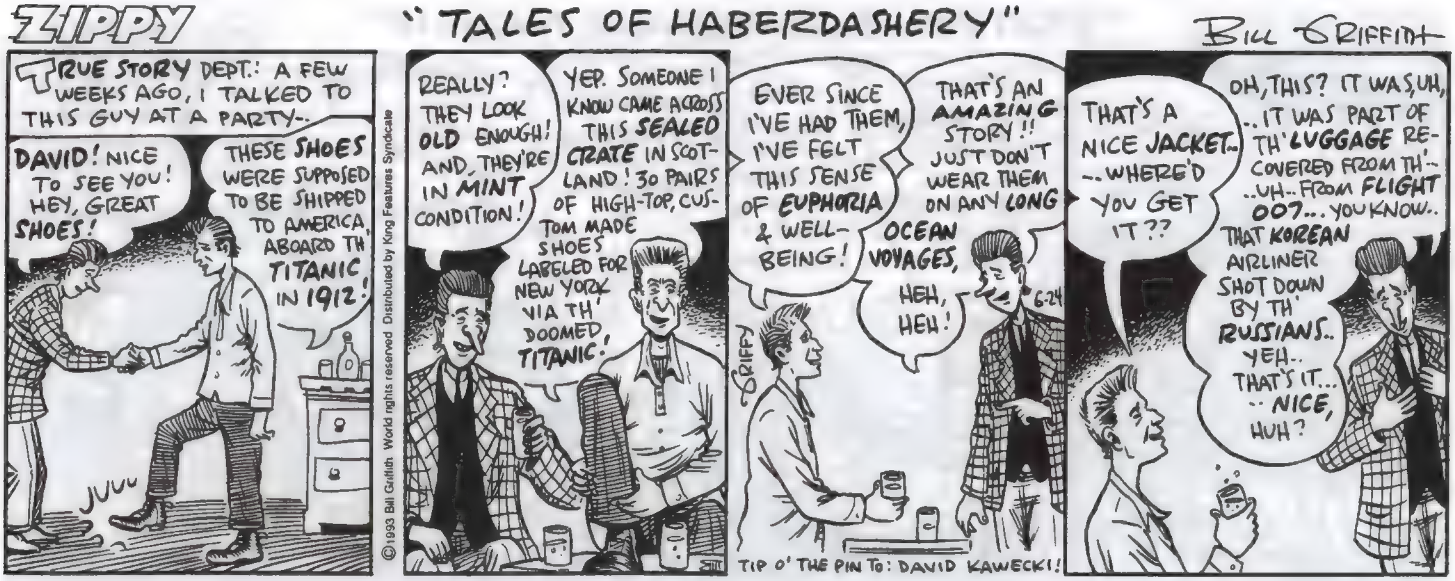
WHO WAS THAT WACKY, NON SEQUITUR-SPOUTING WEIRDO?
HIM? HE WRITES TH' PUZZLES FOR "WHEEL OF FORTUNE"!
S,T,R, N,L...


ZIPPY
"TALES OF HABERDASHERY"
BILL GRIFFITH
TRUE STORY DEPT.: A FEW WEEKS AGO, I TALKED TO THIS GUY AT A PARTY--
DAVID! NICE TO SEE YOU! HEY, GREAT SHOES!
THESE SHOES WERE SUPPOSED TO BE SHIPPED TO AMERICA, ABOARD TH' TITANIC IN 1912!
JUUU
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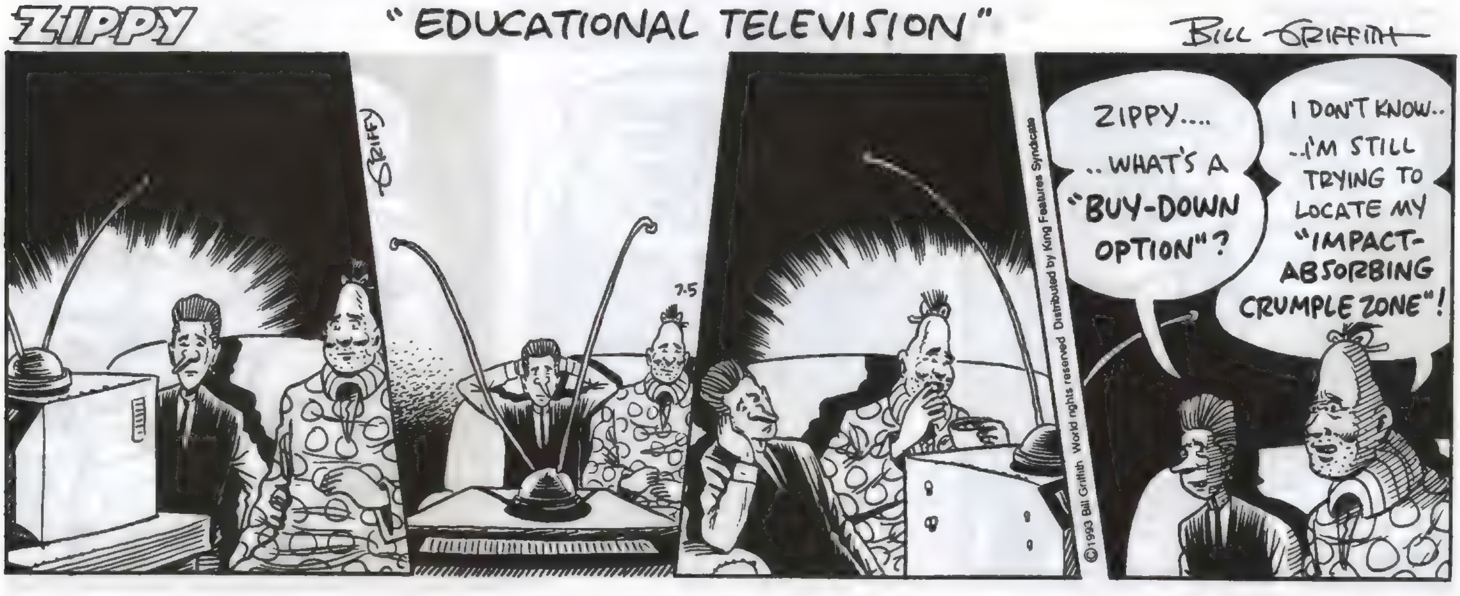
REALLY? THEY LOOK OLD ENOUGH! AND, THEY'RE IN MINT CONDITION!
YEP. SOMEONE I KNOW CAME ACROSS THIS SEALED CRATE IN SCOTLAND! 30 PAIRS OF HIGH-TOP, CUSTOM MADE SHOES LABELED FOR NEW YORK VIA TH' DOOMED TITANIC!
EVER SINCE I'VE HAD THEM, I'VE FELT THIS SENSE OF EUPHORIA & WELL-BEING!
THAT'S AN AMAZING STORY!! JUST DON'T WEAR THEM ON ANY LONG OCEAN VOYAGES,
HEH, HEH!
GRIFFY
6-24
TIP O' THE PIN TO: DAVID KAWECKI!
THAT'S A NICE JACKET.. ..WHERE'D YOU GET IT??
OH, THIS? IT WAS, UH, ..IT WAS PART OF TH' LUGGAGE RECOVERED FROM TH'- ..UH.. FROM FLIGHT 007... YOU KNOW.. THAT KOREAN AIRLINER SHOT DOWN BY TH' RUSSIANS.. YEH.. THAT'S IT... ..NICE, HUH?


ZIPPY
"EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY
7-5
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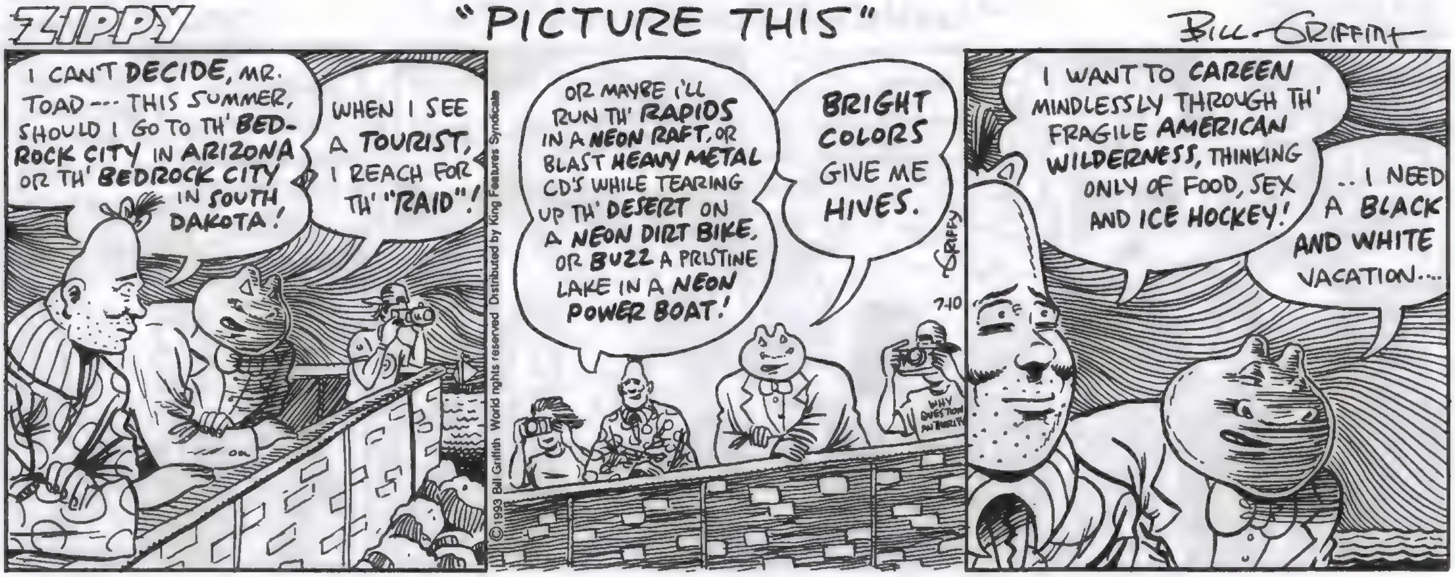
ZIPPY.... ..WHAT'S A "BUY-DOWN OPTION"?
I DON'T KNOW.. ..I'M STILL TRYING TO LOCATE MY "IMPACT-ABSORBING CRUMPLE ZONE"!


ZIPPY
"PICTURE THIS"
BILL GRIFFITH
I CAN'T DECIDE, MR. TOAD --- THIS SUMMER, SHOULD I GO TO TH' BEDROCK CITY IN ARIZONA OR TH' BEDROCK CITY IN SOUTH DAKOTA!
WHEN I SEE A TOURIST, I REACH FOR TH' "RAID"!
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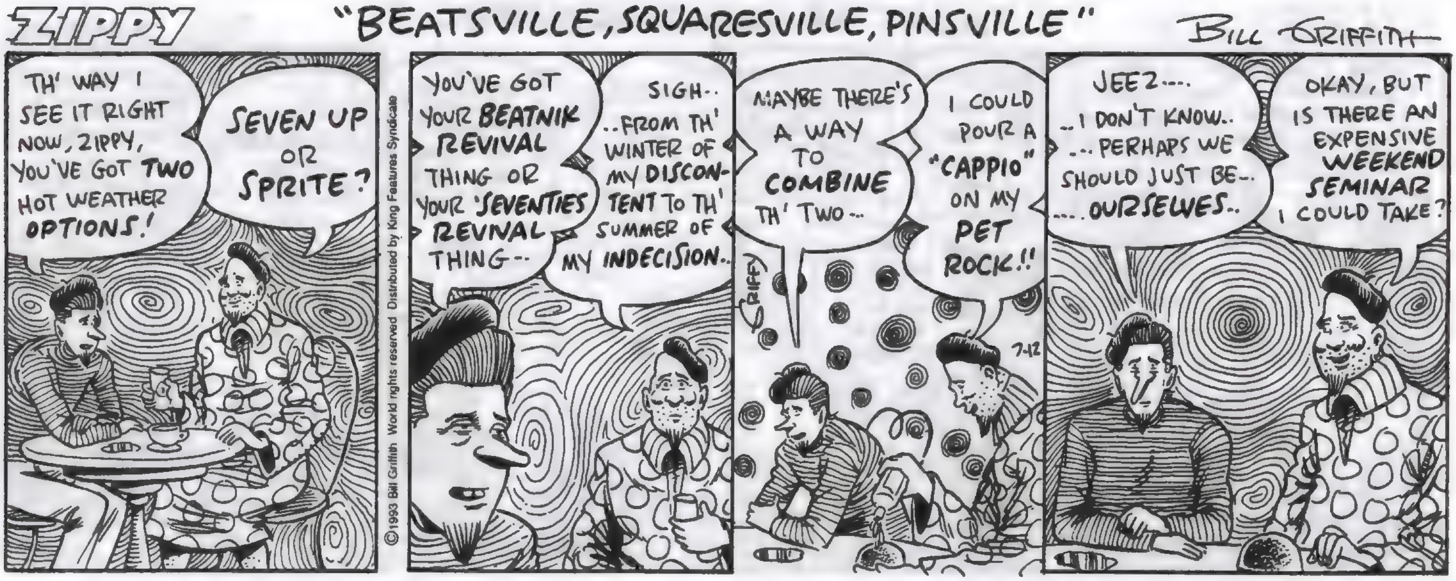
OR MAYBE I'LL RUN TH' RAPIDS IN A NEON RAFT, OR BLAST HEAVY METAL CD'S WHILE TEARING UP TH' DESERT ON A NEON DIRT BIKE, OR BUZZ A PRISTINE LAKE IN A NEON POWER BOAT!
BRIGHT COLORS GIVE ME HIVES.
GRIFFY
7-10
WHY QUESTION AUTHORITY
I WANT TO CAREEN MINDLESSLY THROUGH TH' FRAGILE AMERICAN WILDERNESS, THINKING ONLY OF FOOD, SEX AND ICE HOCKEY!
.. I NEED A BLACK AND WHITE VACATION....


ZIPPY
"BEATSVILLE, SQUARESVILLE, PINSVILLE"
BILL GRIFFITH
TH' WAY I SEE IT RIGHT NOW, ZIPPY, YOU'VE GOT TWO HOT WEATHER OPTIONS!
SEVEN UP OR SPRITE?
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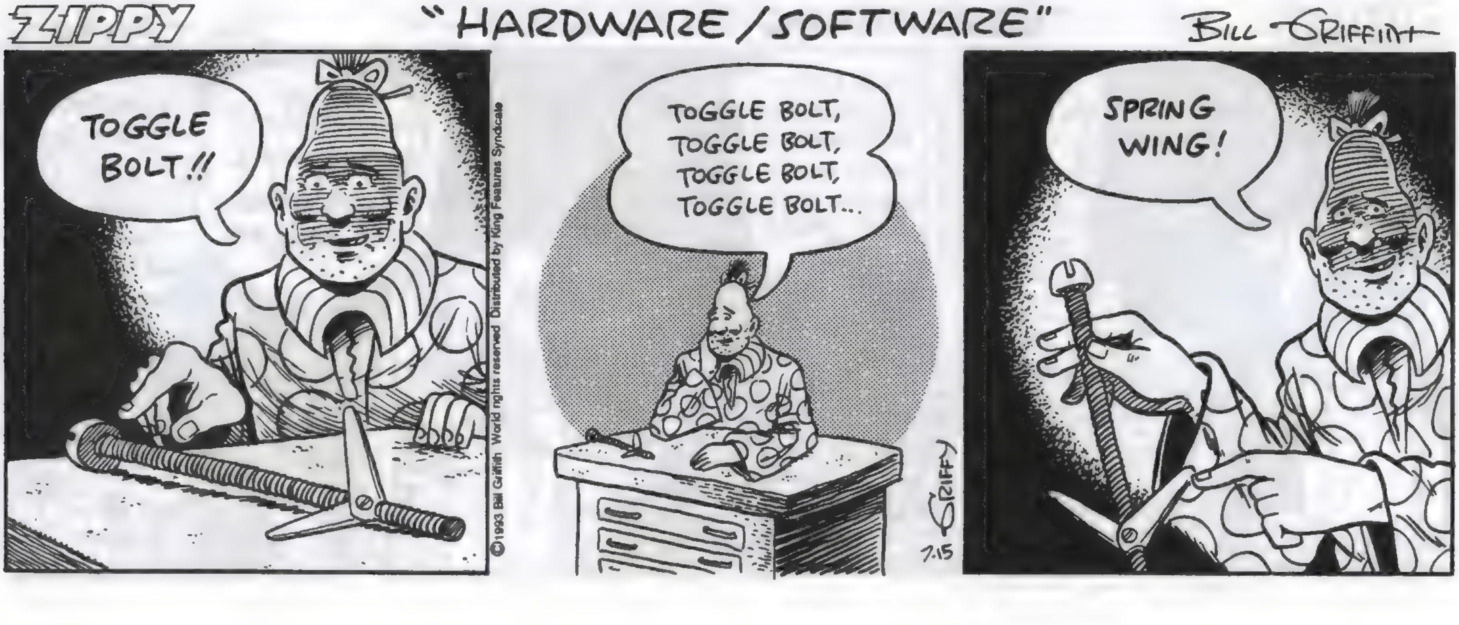
YOU'VE GOT YOUR BEATNIK REVIVAL THING OR YOUR 'SEVENTIES REVIVAL THING--
SIGH.. ..FROM TH' WINTER OF MY DISCONTENT TO TH' SUMMER OF MY INDECISION..
GRIFFY
MAYBE THERE'S A WAY TO COMBINE TH' TWO...
I COULD POUR A "CAPPIO" ON MY PET ROCK!!
7-12
JEEZ.... ..I DON'T KNOW.. ...PERHAPS WE SHOULD JUST BE.. .....OURSELVES..
OKAY, BUT IS THERE AN EXPENSIVE WEEKEND SEMINAR I COULD TAKE?


ZIPPY
"HARDWARE / SOFTWARE"
BILL GRIFFITH
TOGGLE BOLT!!
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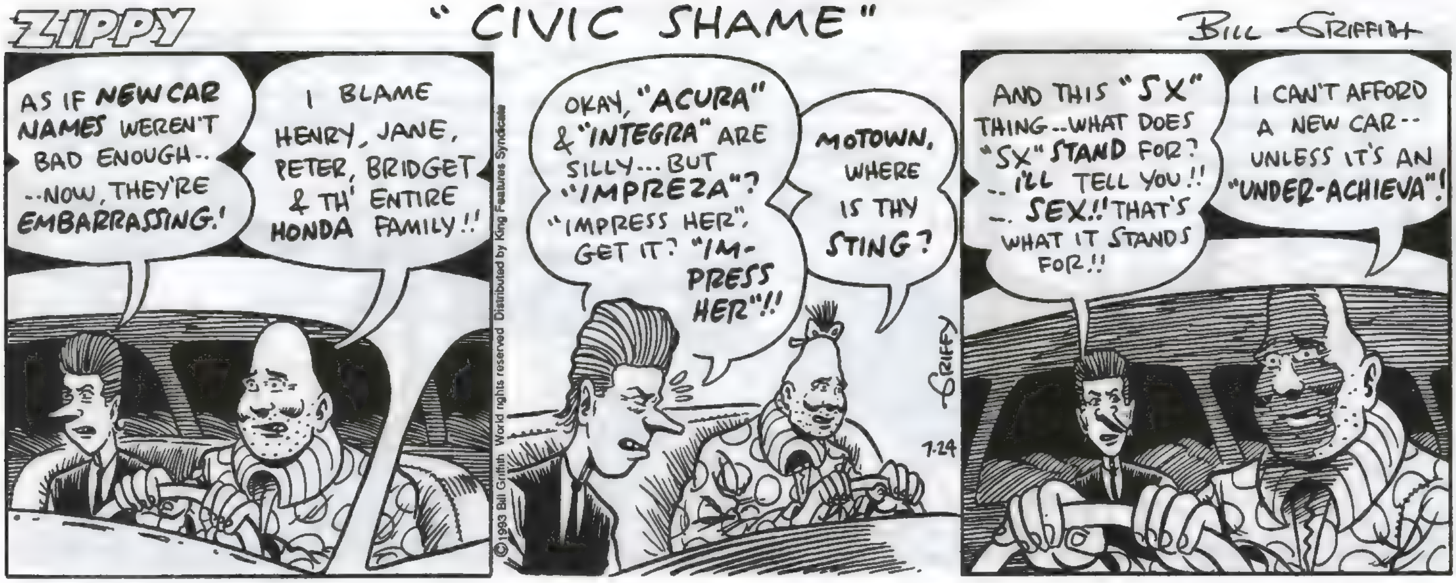
TOGGLE BOLT, TOGGLE BOLT, TOGGLE BOLT, TOGGLE BOLT...
GRIFFY
7-15
SPRING WING!


ZIPPY
"CIVIC SHAME"
BILL GRIFFITH
AS IF NEW CAR NAMES WEREN'T BAD ENOUGH.. ..NOW, THEY'RE EMBARRASSING!
I BLAME HENRY, JANE, PETER, BRIDGET & TH' ENTIRE HONDA FAMILY!!
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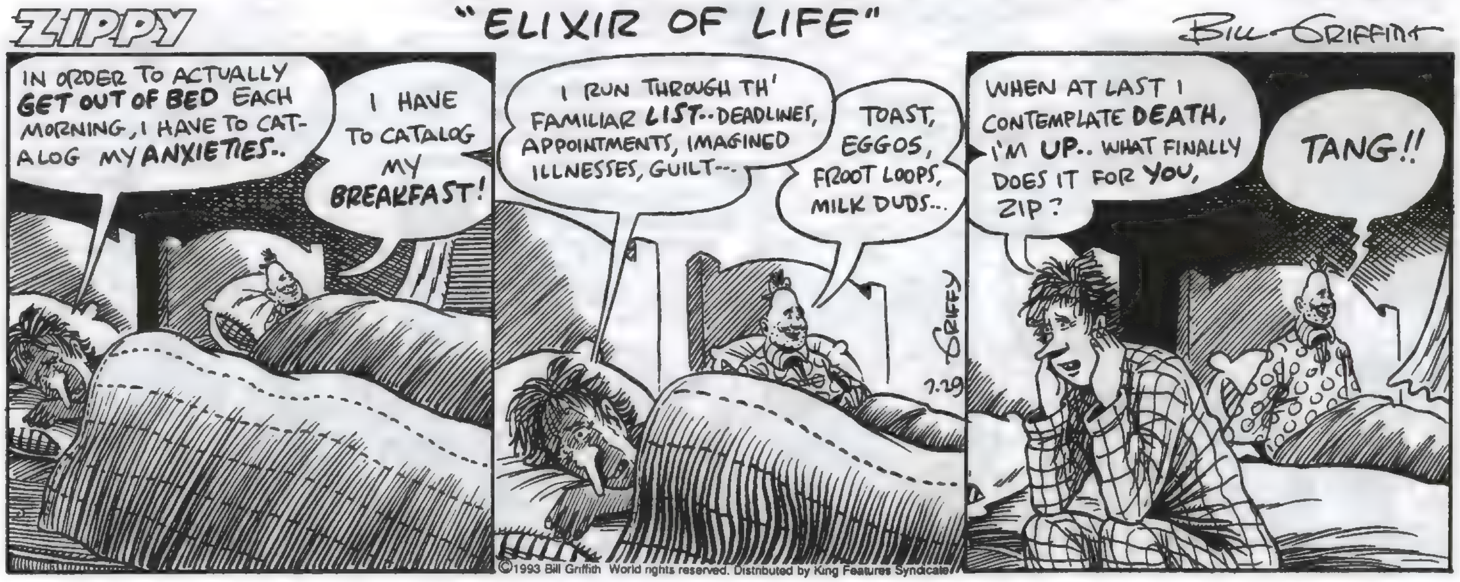
OKAY, "ACURA" & "INTEGRA" ARE SILLY... BUT "IMPREZA"? "IMPRESS HER", GET IT? "IM-PRESS HER"!!
MOTOWN, WHERE IS THY STING?
GRIFFY
7-24
AND THIS "SX" THING.. WHAT DOES "SX" STAND FOR? .. I'LL TELL YOU!! .. SEX!! THAT'S WHAT IT STANDS FOR!!
I CAN'T AFFORD A NEW CAR -- UNLESS IT'S AN "UNDER-ACHIEVA"!


ZIPPY
"ELIXIR OF LIFE"
BILL GRIFFITH
IN ORDER TO ACTUALLY GET OUT OF BED EACH MORNING, I HAVE TO CAT-ALOG MY ANXIETIES..
I HAVE TO CATALOG MY BREAKFAST!
I RUN THROUGH TH' FAMILIAR LIST.. DEADLINES, APPOINTMENTS, IMAGINED ILLNESSES, GUILT--
TOAST, EGGOS, FROOT LOOPS, MILK DUDS...
GRIFFY
7-29
WHEN AT LAST I CONTEMPLATE DEATH, I'M UP.. WHAT FINALLY DOES IT FOR YOU, ZIP?
TANG!!
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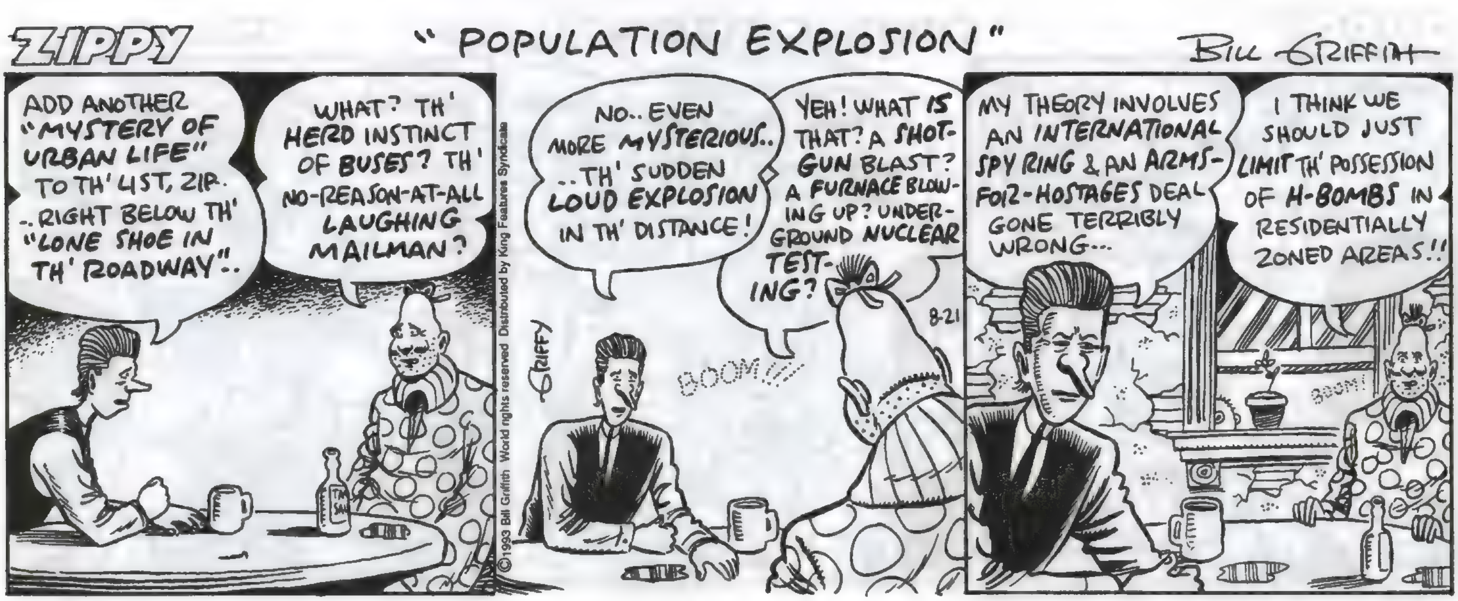
ZIPPY
"POPULATION EXPLOSION"
BILL GRIFFITH
ADD ANOTHER "MYSTERY OF URBAN LIFE" TO TH' LIST, ZIP.. ..RIGHT BELOW TH' "LONE SHOE IN TH' ROADWAY"..
WHAT? TH' HERD INSTINCT OF BUSES? TH' NO-REASON-AT-ALL LAUGHING MAILMAN?
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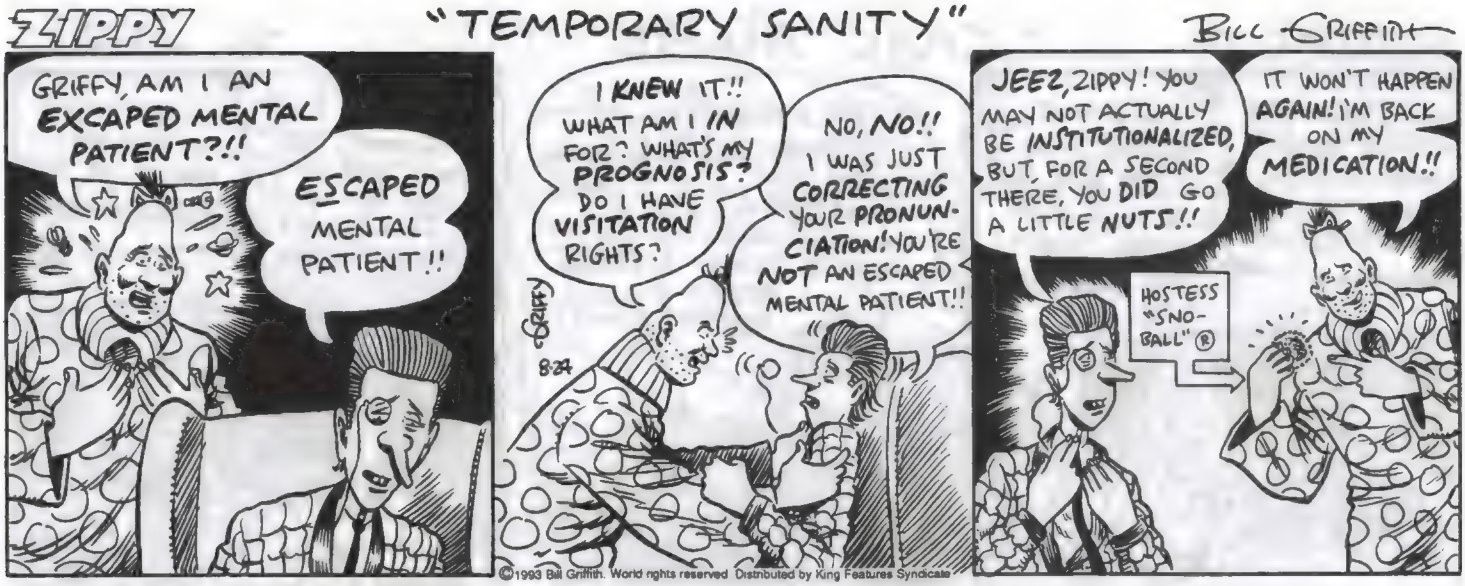
NO.. EVEN MORE MYSTERIOUS.. ..TH' SUDDEN LOUD EXPLOSION IN TH' DISTANCE!
YEH! WHAT IS THAT? A SHOT-GUN BLAST? A FURNACE BLOW-ING UP? UNDER-GROUND NUCLEAR TEST-ING?
GRIFFY
8-21
BOOM!!!!
MY THEORY INVOLVES AN INTERNATIONAL SPY RING & AN ARMS-FOR-HOSTAGES DEAL GONE TERRIBLY WRONG...
I THINK WE SHOULD JUST LIMIT TH' POSSESSION OF H-BOMBS IN RESIDENTIALLY ZONED AREAS!!
BOOM!


ZIPPY
"TEMPORARY SANITY"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, AM I AN ESCAPED MENTAL PATIENT?!!
ESCAPED MENTAL PATIENT!!
I KNEW IT!! WHAT AM I IN FOR? WHAT'S MY PROGNOSIS? DO I HAVE VISITATION RIGHTS?
NO, NO!! I WAS JUST CORRECTING YOUR PRONUNCIATION! YOU'RE NOT AN ESCAPED MENTAL PATIENT!!
GRIFFY
8-27
JEEZ, ZIPPY! YOU MAY NOT ACTUALLY BE INSTITUTIONALIZED, BUT, FOR A SECOND THERE, YOU DID GO A LITTLE NUTS!!
IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN! I'M BACK ON MY MEDICATION!!
HOSTESS "SNO-BALL" ®
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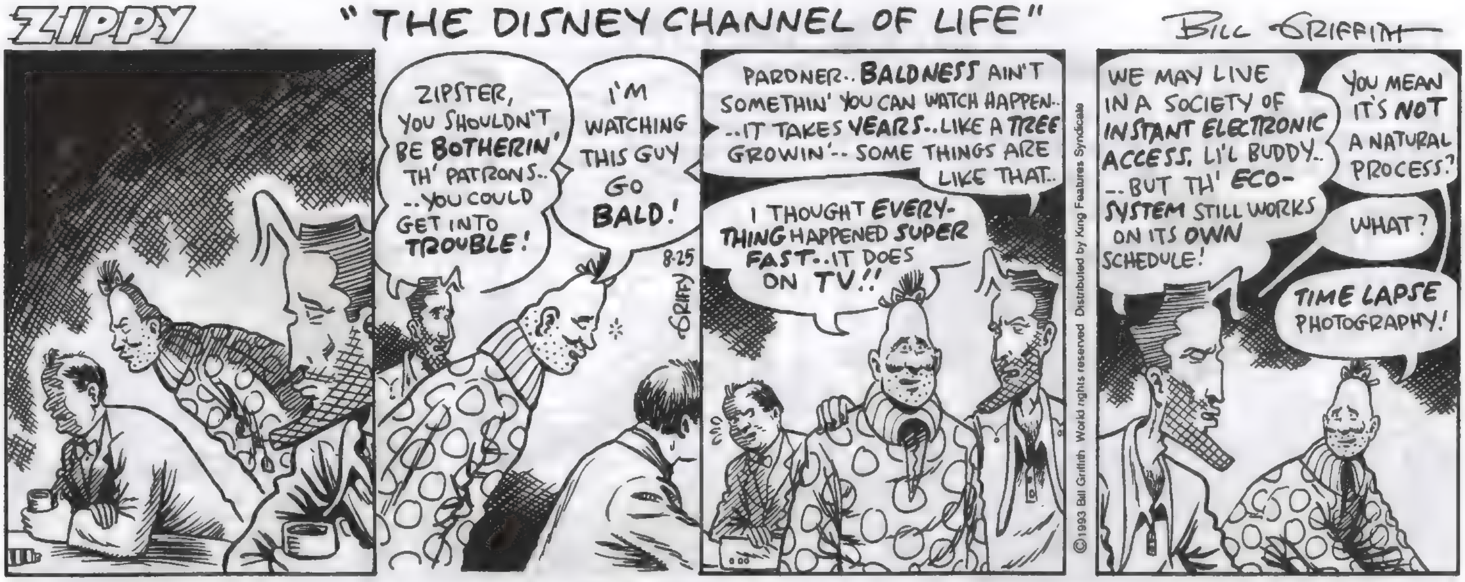
ZIPPY
"THE DISNEY CHANNEL OF LIFE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPSTER, YOU SHOULDN'T BE BOTHERIN' TH' PATRONS.. ..YOU COULD GET INTO TROUBLE!
I'M WATCHING THIS GUY GO BALD!
8-25
GRIFFY
PARDNER.. BALDNESS AIN'T SOMETHIN' YOU CAN WATCH HAPPEN.. ..IT TAKES YEARS..LIKE A TREE GROWIN'.. SOME THINGS ARE LIKE THAT..
I THOUGHT EVERYTHING HAPPENED SUPER FAST..IT DOES ON TV!!
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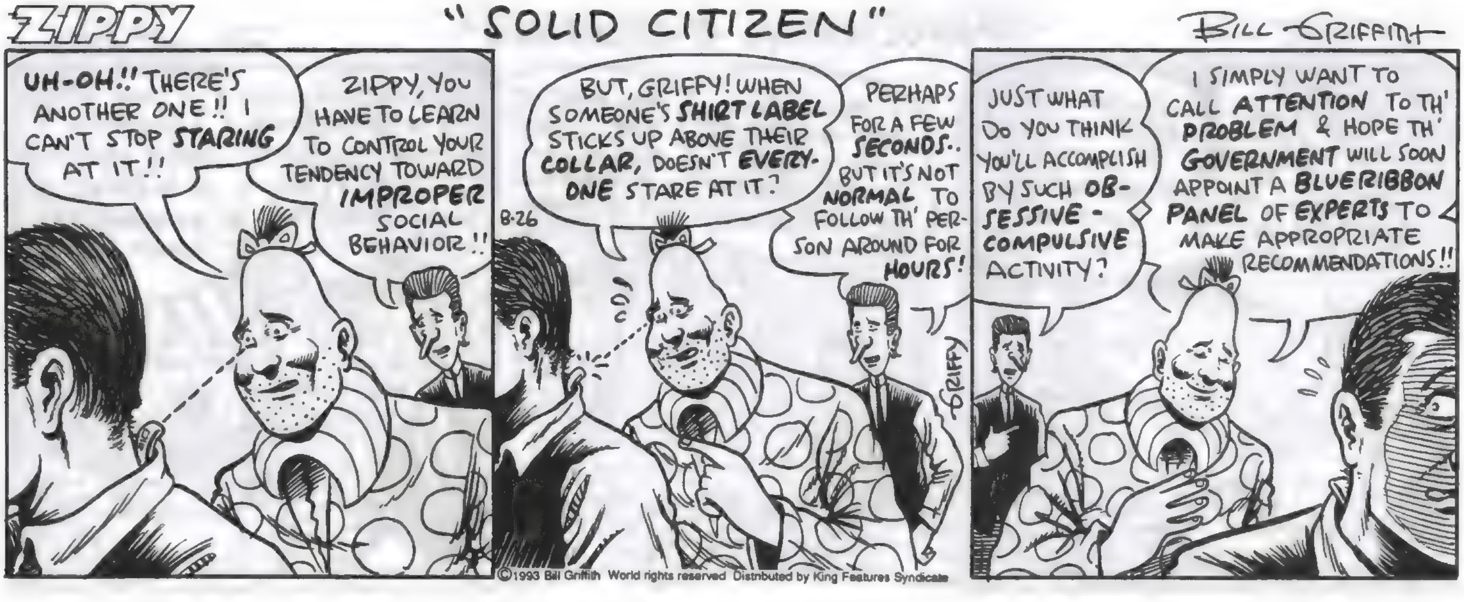
WE MAY LIVE IN A SOCIETY OF INSTANT ELECTRONIC ACCESS, LI'L BUDDY.. ..BUT TH' ECO-SYSTEM STILL WORKS ON ITS OWN SCHEDULE!
YOU MEAN IT'S NOT A NATURAL PROCESS?
WHAT?
TIME LAPSE PHOTOGRAPHY!


ZIPPY
"SOLID CITIZEN"
BILL GRIFFITH
UH-OH!! THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!! I CAN'T STOP STARING AT IT!!
ZIPPY, YOU HAVE TO LEARN TO CONTROL YOUR TENDENCY TOWARD IMPROPER SOCIAL BEHAVIOR!!
BUT, GRIFFY! WHEN SOMEONE'S SHIRT LABEL STICKS UP ABOVE THEIR COLLAR, DOESN'T EVERYONE STARE AT IT?
8-26
PERHAPS FOR A FEW SECONDS.. BUT IT'S NOT NORMAL TO FOLLOW TH' PERSON AROUND FOR HOURS!
GRIFFY
JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'LL ACCOMPLISH BY SUCH OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE ACTIVITY?
I SIMPLY WANT TO CALL ATTENTION TO TH' PROBLEM & HOPE TH' GOVERNMENT WILL SOON APPOINT A BLUE RIBBON PANEL OF EXPERTS TO MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS!!
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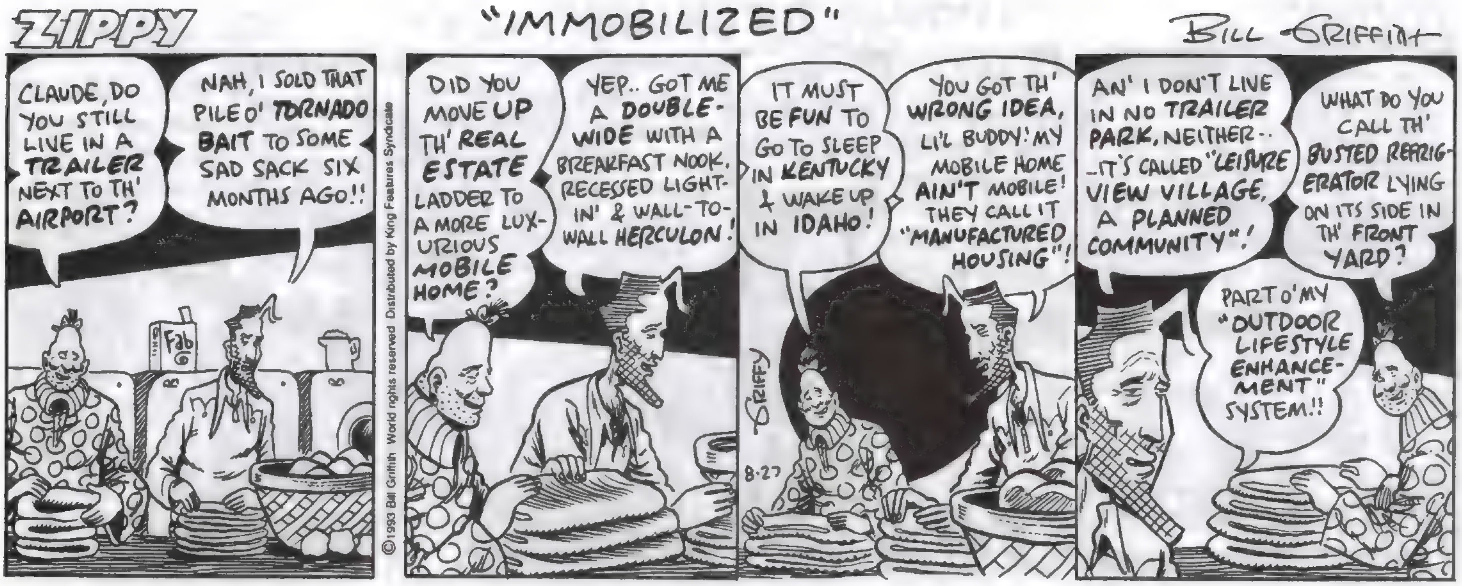
ZIPPY
"IMMOBILIZED"
BILL GRIFFITH
CLAUDE, DO YOU STILL LIVE IN A TRAILER NEXT TO TH' AIRPORT?
NAH, I SOLD THAT PILE O' TORNADO BAIT TO SOME SAD SACK SIX MONTHS AGO!!
Fab
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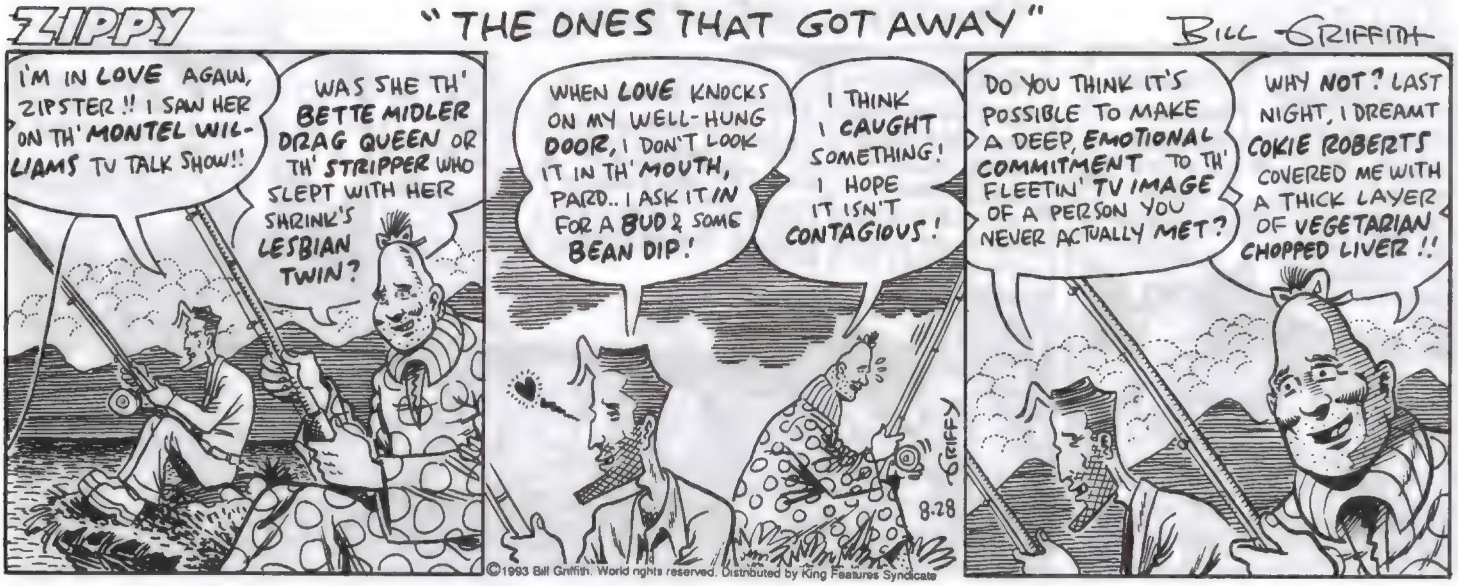
DID YOU MOVE UP TH' REAL ESTATE LADDER TO A MORE LUXURIOUS MOBILE HOME?
YEP.. GOT ME A DOUBLE-WIDE WITH A BREAKFAST NOOK, RECESSED LIGHTIN' & WALL-TO-WALL HERCULON!
IT MUST BE FUN TO GO TO SLEEP IN KENTUCKY & WAKE UP IN IDAHO!
YOU GOT TH' WRONG IDEA, LI'L BUDDY! MY MOBILE HOME AIN'T MOBILE! THEY CALL IT "MANUFACTURED HOUSING"!
GRIFFY
8-27
AN' I DON'T LIVE IN NO TRAILER PARK, NEITHER.. ..IT'S CALLED "LEISURE VIEW VILLAGE, A PLANNED COMMUNITY"!
WHAT DO YOU CALL TH' BUSTED REFRIGERATOR LYING ON ITS SIDE IN TH' FRONT YARD?
PART O' MY "OUTDOOR LIFESTYLE ENHANCEMENT" SYSTEM!!


ZIPPY
"THE ONES THAT GOT AWAY"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'M IN LOVE AGAIN, ZIPSTER!! I SAW HER ON TH' MONTEL WILLIAMS TV TALK SHOW!!
WAS SHE TH' BETTE MIDLER DRAG QUEEN OR TH' STRIPPER WHO SLEPT WITH HER SHRINK'S LESBIAN TWIN?
WHEN LOVE KNOCKS ON MY WELL-HUNG DOOR, I DON'T LOOK IT IN TH' MOUTH, PARD.. I ASK IT IN FOR A BUD & SOME BEAN DIP!
I THINK I CAUGHT SOMETHING! I HOPE IT ISN'T CONTAGIOUS!
GRIFFY
8-28
DO YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE TO MAKE A DEEP, EMOTIONAL COMMITMENT TO TH' FLEETIN' TV IMAGE OF A PERSON YOU NEVER ACTUALLY MET?
WHY NOT? LAST NIGHT, I DREAMT COKIE ROBERTS COVERED ME WITH A THICK LAYER OF VEGETARIAN CHOPPED LIVER!!
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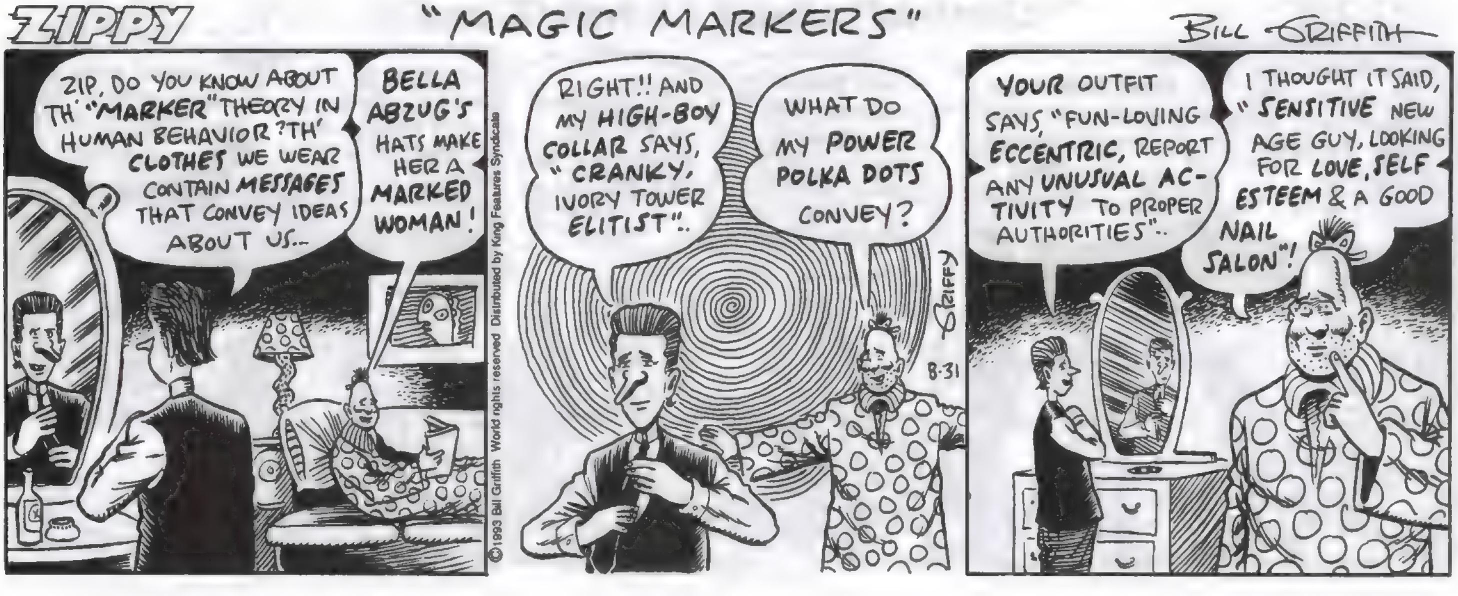
ZIPPY
"MAGIC MARKERS"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIP, DO YOU KNOW ABOUT TH' "MARKER" THEORY IN HUMAN BEHAVIOR? TH' CLOTHES WE WEAR CONTAIN MESSAGES THAT CONVEY IDEAS ABOUT US..
BELLA ABZUG'S HATS MAKE HER A MARKED WOMAN!
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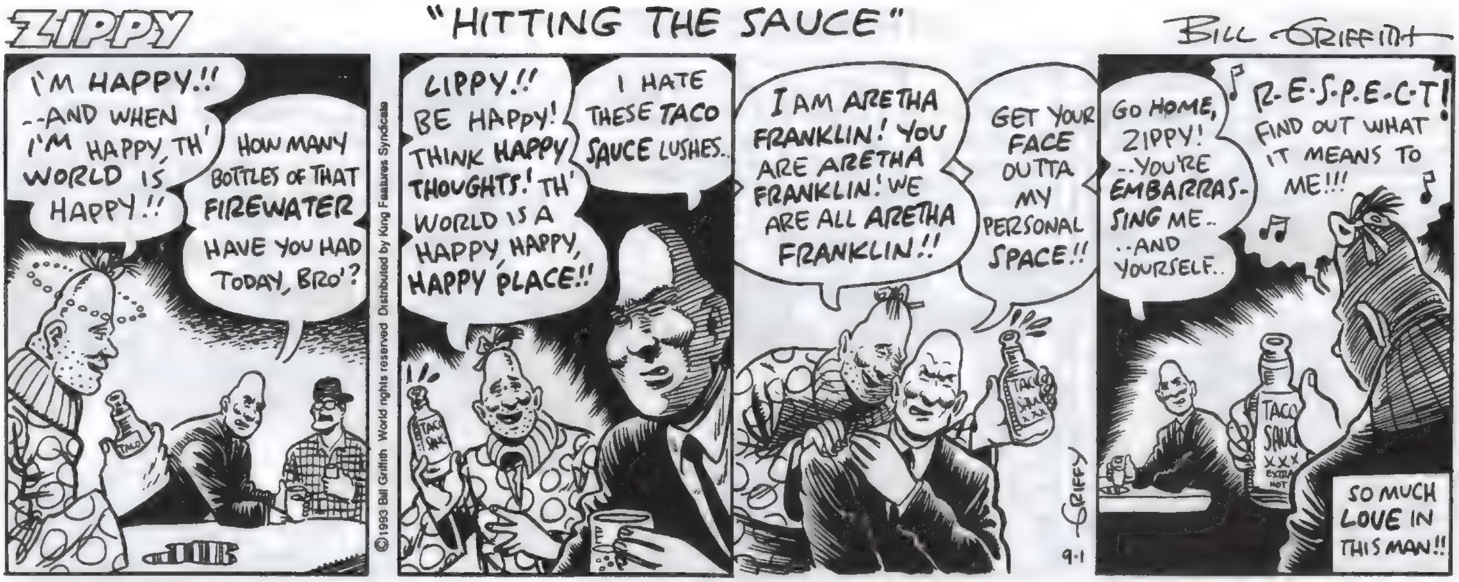
RIGHT!! AND MY HIGH-BOY COLLAR SAYS, "CRANKY, IVORY TOWER ELITIST"..
WHAT DO MY POWER POLKA DOTS CONVEY?
GRIFFY
8-31
YOUR OUTFIT SAYS, "FUN-LOVING ECCENTRIC, REPORT ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY TO PROPER AUTHORITIES"..
I THOUGHT IT SAID, "SENSITIVE NEW AGE GUY, LOOKING FOR LOVE, SELF ESTEEM & A GOOD NAIL SALON"!


ZIPPY
"HITTING THE SAUCE"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'M HAPPY!! --AND WHEN I'M HAPPY, TH' WORLD IS HAPPY!!
HOW MANY BOTTLES OF THAT FIREWATER HAVE YOU HAD TODAY, BRO'?
TACO
ZIPPY!! BE HAPPY! THINK HAPPY THOUGHTS! TH' WORLD IS A HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY PLACE!!
I HATE THESE TACO SAUCE LUSHES..
TACO SAUCE
I AM ARETHA FRANKLIN! YOU ARE ARETHA FRANKLIN! WE ARE ALL ARETHA FRANKLIN!!
GET YOUR FACE OUTTA MY PERSONAL SPACE!!
TACO SAUCE XXX
GRIFFY
9·1
GO HOME, ZIPPY! ..YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME.. ..AND YOURSELF..
R-E-S-P-E-C-T! FIND OUT WHAT IT MEANS TO ME!!!
TACO SAUCE XXX EXTRA HOT
SO MUCH LOVE IN THIS MAN!!
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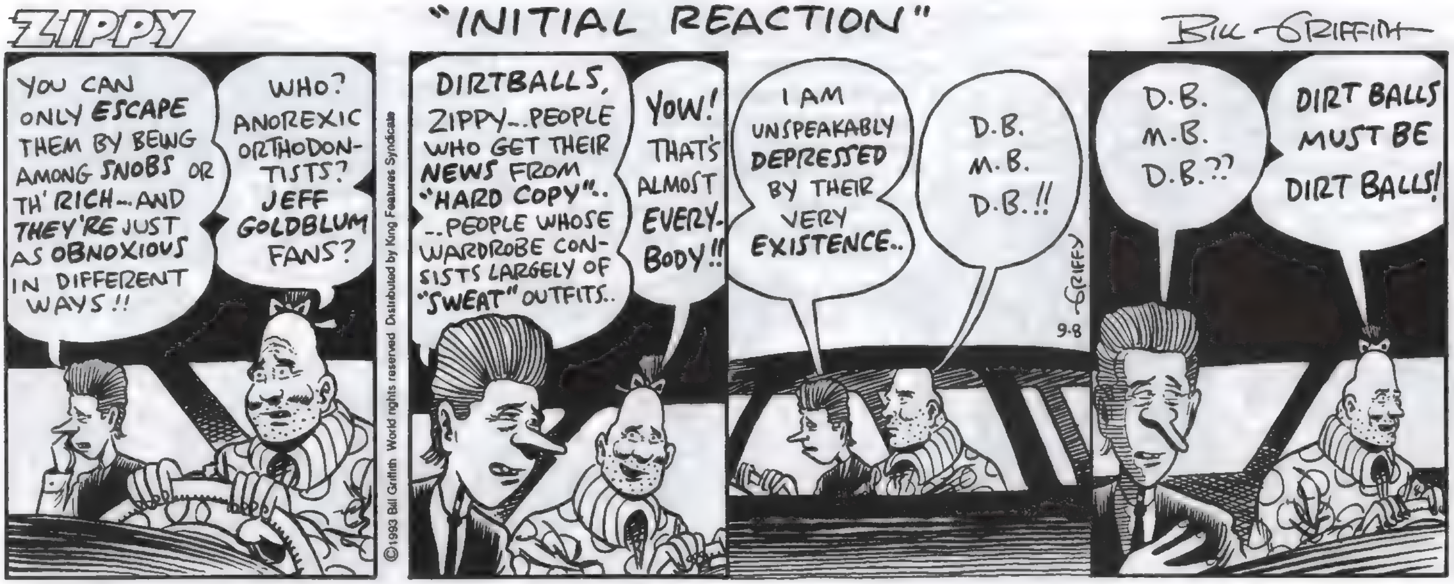
ZIPPY
"INITIAL REACTION"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU CAN ONLY ESCAPE THEM BY BEING AMONG SNOBS OR TH' RICH-- AND THEY'RE JUST AS OBNOXIOUS IN DIFFERENT WAYS!!
WHO? ANOREXIC ORTHODONTISTS? JEFF GOLDBLUM FANS?
DIRTBALLS, ZIPPY-- PEOPLE WHO GET THEIR NEWS FROM "HARD COPY".. --PEOPLE WHOSE WARDROBE CONSISTS LARGELY OF "SWEAT" OUTFITS..
YOW! THAT'S ALMOST EVERYBODY!!
I AM UNSPEAKABLY DEPRESSED BY THEIR VERY EXISTENCE..
D.B. M.B. D.B.!!
GRIFFY
9·8
D.B. M.B. D.B.??
DIRT BALLS MUST BE DIRT BALLS!
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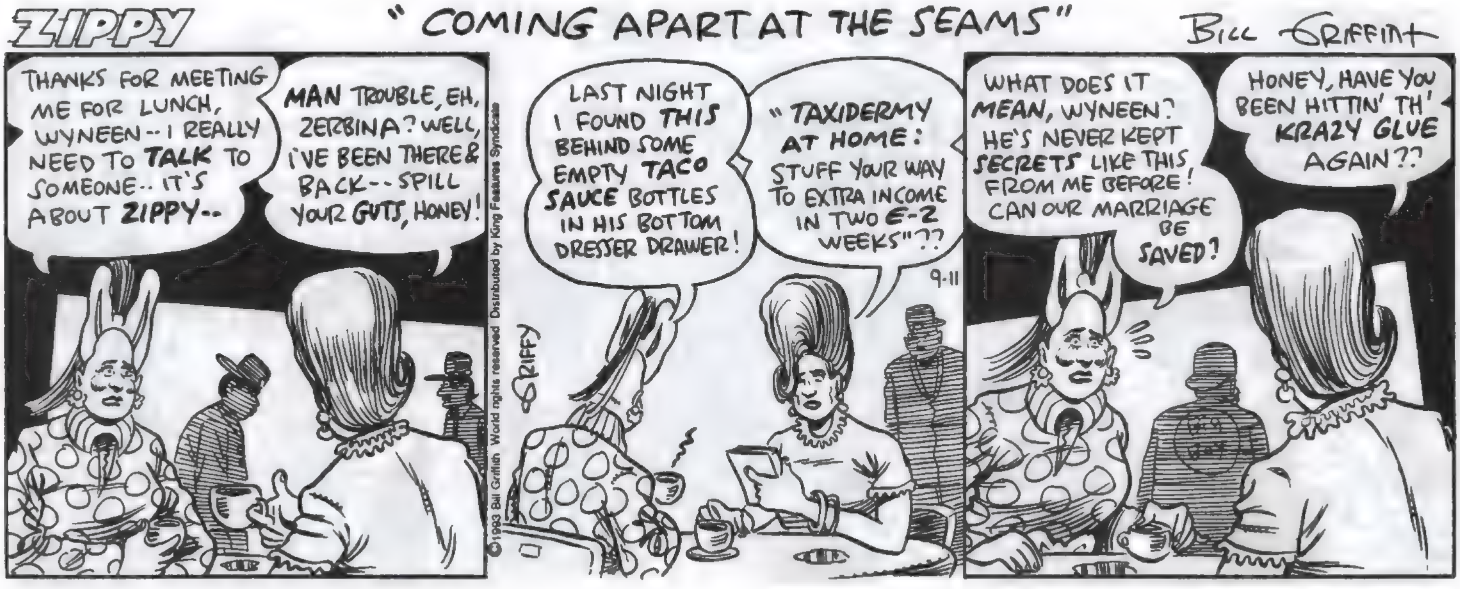
ZIPPY
"COMING APART AT THE SEAMS"
BILL GRIFFITH
THANKS FOR MEETING ME FOR LUNCH, WYNEEN-- I REALLY NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE.. IT'S ABOUT ZIPPY--
MAN TROUBLE, EH, ZERBINA? WELL, I'VE BEEN THERE & BACK-- SPILL YOUR GUTS, HONEY!
LAST NIGHT I FOUND THIS BEHIND SOME EMPTY TACO SAUCE BOTTLES IN HIS BOTTOM DRESSER DRAWER!
"TAXIDERMY AT HOME: STUFF YOUR WAY TO EXTRA INCOME IN TWO E-Z WEEKS"??
GRIFFY
9·11
WHAT DOES IT MEAN, WYNEEN? HE'S NEVER KEPT SECRETS LIKE THIS FROM ME BEFORE! CAN OUR MARRIAGE BE SAVED?
HONEY, HAVE YOU BEEN HITTIN' TH' KRAZY GLUE AGAIN??
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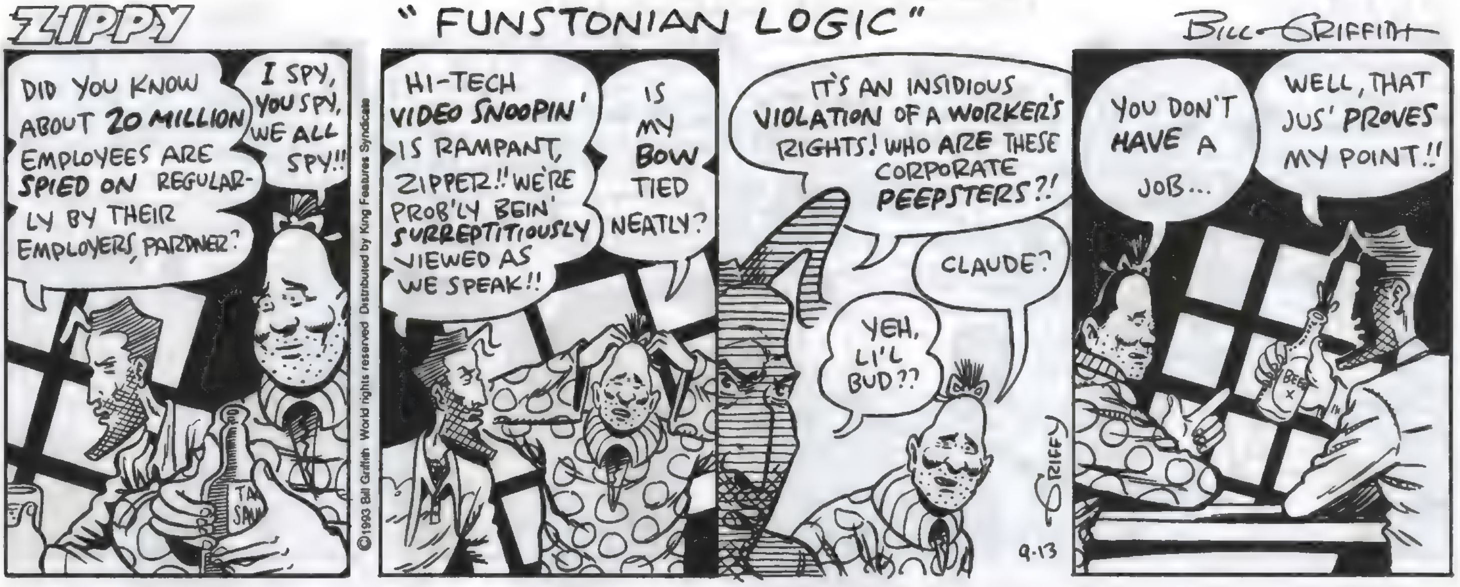
ZIPPY
"FUNSTONIAN LOGIC"
BILL GRIFFITH
DID YOU KNOW ABOUT 20 MILLION EMPLOYEES ARE SPIED ON REGULARLY BY THEIR EMPLOYERS, PARDNER?
I SPY, YOU SPY, WE ALL SPY!!
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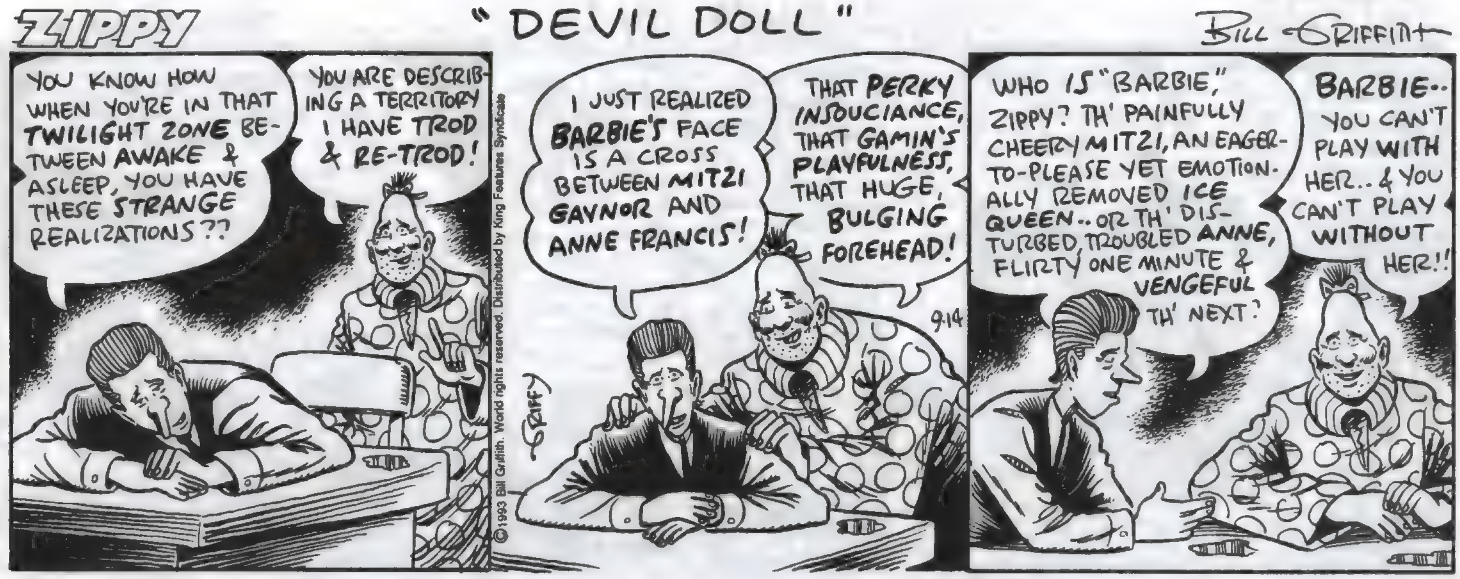
HI-TECH VIDEO SNOOPIN' IS RAMPANT, ZIPPER!! WE'RE PROB'LY BEIN' SURREPTITIOUSLY VIEWED AS WE SPEAK!!
IS MY BOW TIED NEATLY?
IT'S AN INSIDIOUS VIOLATION OF A WORKER'S RIGHTS! WHO ARE THESE CORPORATE PEEPSTERS?!
CLAUDE?
YEH, LI'L BUD??
GRIFFY
9.13
YOU DON'T HAVE A JOB...
WELL, THAT JUS' PROVES MY POINT!!
BEER


ZIPPY
"DEVIL DOLL"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU KNOW HOW WHEN YOU'RE IN THAT TWILIGHT ZONE BETWEEN AWAKE & ASLEEP, YOU HAVE THESE STRANGE REALIZATIONS??
YOU ARE DESCRIBING A TERRITORY I HAVE TROD & RE-TROD!
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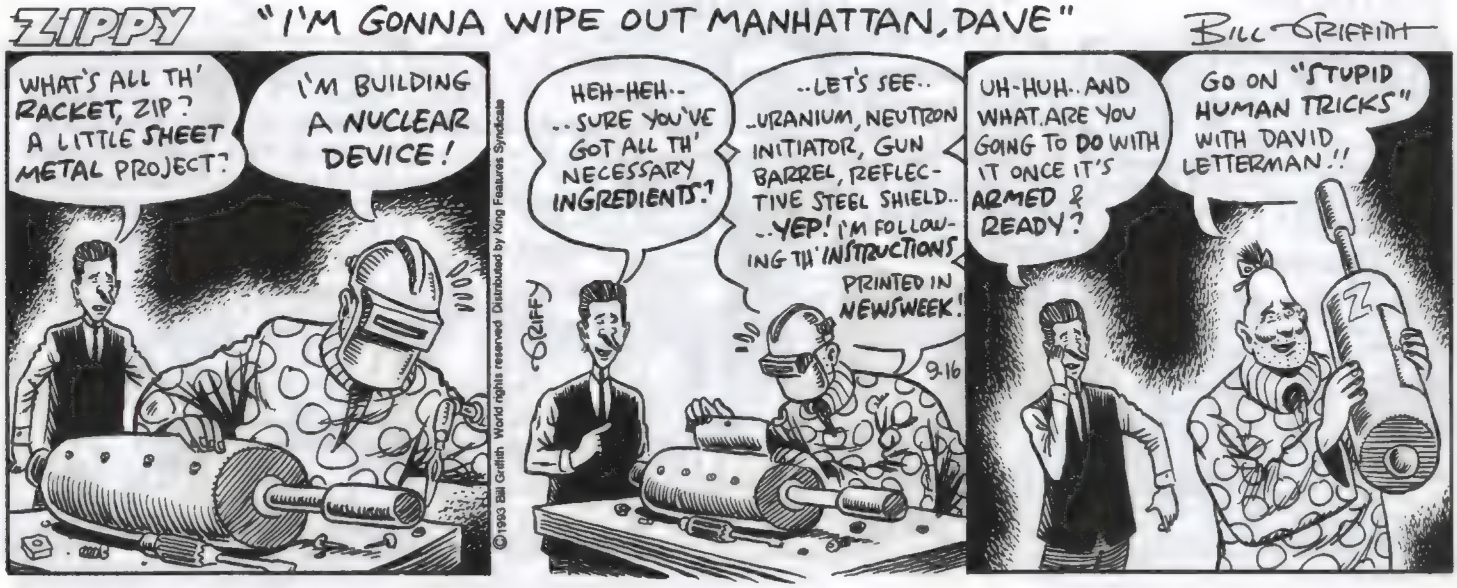
GRIFFY
I JUST REALIZED BARBIE'S FACE IS A CROSS BETWEEN MITZI GAYNOR AND ANNE FRANCIS!
THAT PERKY INSOUCIANCE, THAT GAMIN'S PLAYFULNESS, THAT HUGE, BULGING FOREHEAD!
9.14
WHO IS "BARBIE," ZIPPY? TH' PAINFULLY CHEERY MITZI, AN EAGER-TO-PLEASE YET EMOTIONALLY REMOVED ICE QUEEN.. OR TH' DISTURBED, TROUBLED ANNE, FLIRTY ONE MINUTE & VENGEFUL TH' NEXT?
BARBIE.. YOU CAN'T PLAY WITH HER.. & YOU CAN'T PLAY WITHOUT HER!!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"I'M GONNA WIPE OUT MANHATTAN, DAVE"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT'S ALL TH' RACKET, ZIP? A LITTLE SHEET METAL PROJECT?
I'M BUILDING A NUCLEAR DEVICE!
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GRIFFY
HEH-HEH-- ..SURE YOU'VE GOT ALL TH' NECESSARY INGREDIENTS?
..LET'S SEE.. ..URANIUM, NEUTRON INITIATOR, GUN BARREL, REFLECTIVE STEEL SHIELD.. ..YEP! I'M FOLLOWING TH' INSTRUCTIONS PRINTED IN NEWSWEEK!
9.16
UH-HUH.. AND WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH IT ONCE IT'S ARMED & READY?
GO ON "STUPID HUMAN TRICKS" WITH DAVID LETTERMAN!!
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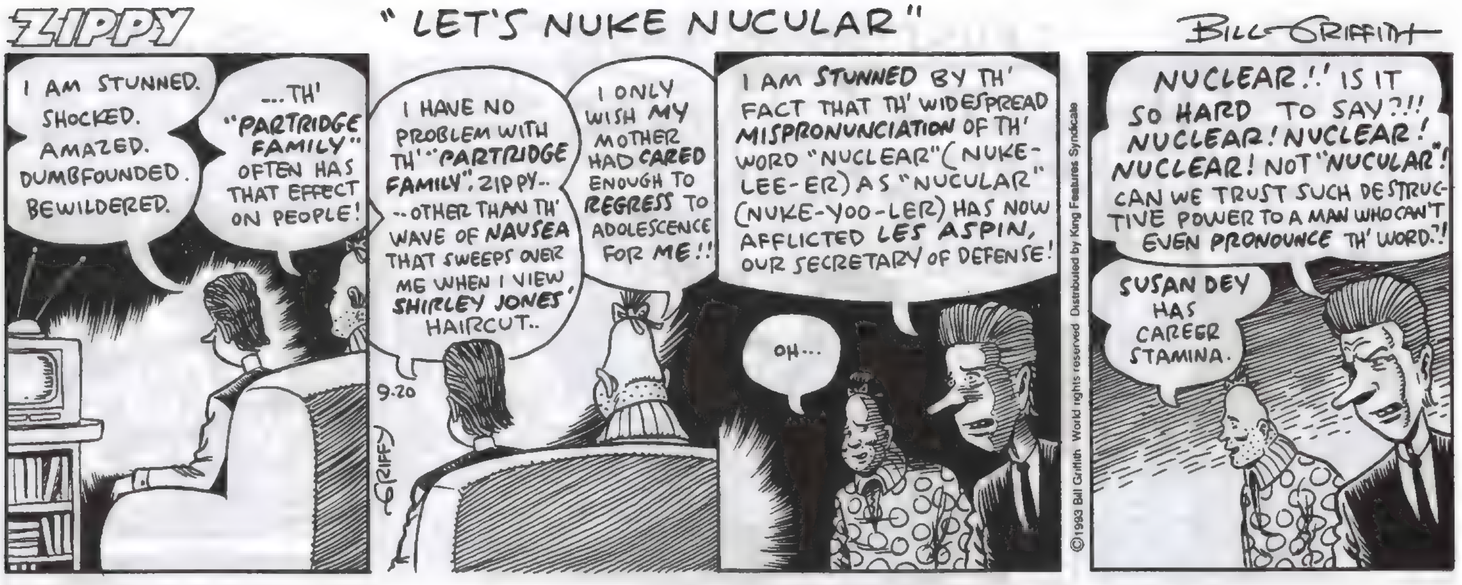
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"LET'S NUKE NUCULAR"
BILL GRIFFITH
I AM STUNNED. SHOCKED. AMAZED. DUMBFOUNDED. BEWILDERED.
...TH' "PARTRIDGE FAMILY" OFTEN HAS THAT EFFECT ON PEOPLE!
I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH TH' "PARTRIDGE FAMILY", ZIPPY.. --OTHER THAN TH' WAVE OF NAUSEA THAT SWEEPS OVER ME WHEN I VIEW SHIRLEY JONES' HAIRCUT..
I ONLY WISH MY MOTHER HAD CARED ENOUGH TO REGRESS TO ADOLESCENCE FOR ME!!
9-20
GRIFFY
I AM STUNNED BY TH' FACT THAT TH' WIDESPREAD MISPRONUNCIATION OF TH' WORD "NUCLEAR" (NUKE-LEE-ER) AS "NUCULAR" (NUKE-YOO-LER) HAS NOW AFFLICTED LES ASPIN, OUR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE!
OH...
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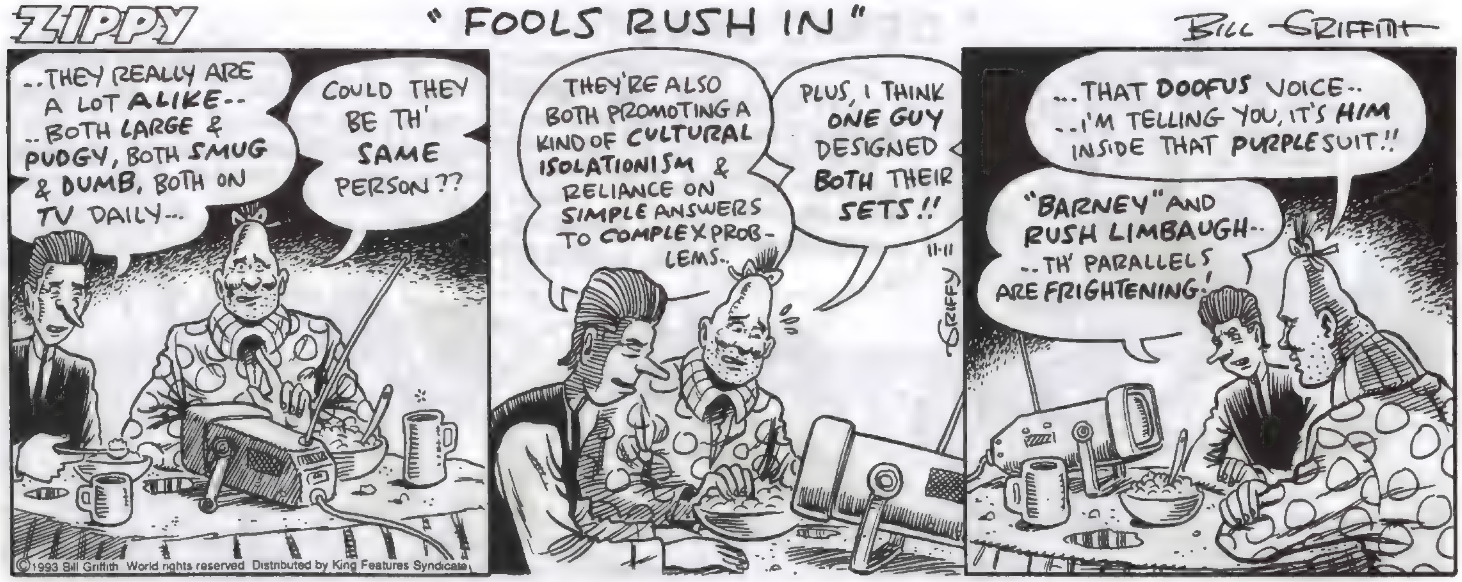
NUCLEAR!! IS IT SO HARD TO SAY?!! NUCLEAR! NUCLEAR! NUCLEAR! NOT "NUCULAR"! CAN WE TRUST SUCH DESTRUCTIVE POWER TO A MAN WHO CAN'T EVEN PRONOUNCE TH' WORD?!
SUSAN DEY HAS CAREER STAMINA.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"FOOLS RUSH IN"
BILL GRIFFITH
..THEY REALLY ARE A LOT ALIKE-- ..BOTH LARGE & PUDGY, BOTH SMUG & DUMB, BOTH ON TV DAILY...
COULD THEY BE TH' SAME PERSON??
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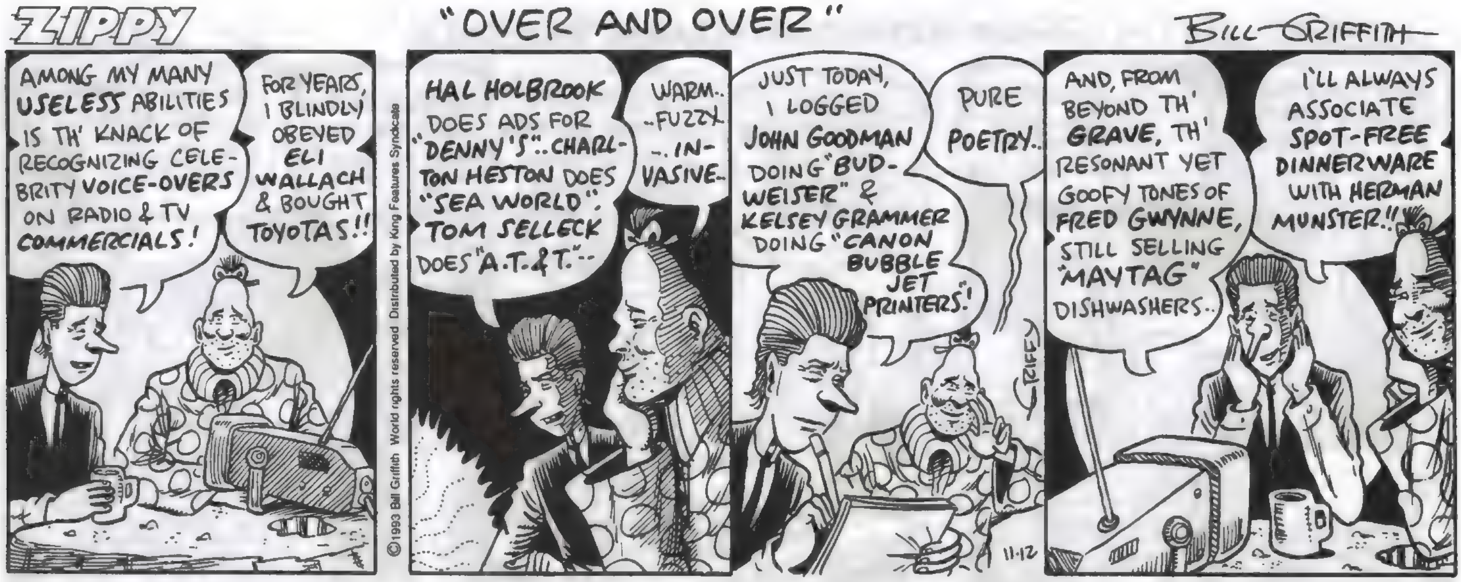
THEY'RE ALSO BOTH PROMOTING A KIND OF CULTURAL ISOLATIONISM & RELIANCE ON SIMPLE ANSWERS TO COMPLEX PROBLEMS..
PLUS, I THINK ONE GUY DESIGNED BOTH THEIR SETS!!
11-11
GRIFFY
...THAT DOOFUS VOICE.. ..I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S HIM INSIDE THAT PURPLE SUIT!!
"BARNEY" AND RUSH LIMBAUGH.. ..TH' PARALLELS ARE FRIGHTENING!


ZIPPY
"OVER AND OVER"
BILL GRIFFITH
AMONG MY MANY USELESS ABILITIES IS TH' KNACK OF RECOGNIZING CELEBRITY VOICE-OVERS ON RADIO & TV COMMERCIALS!
FOR YEARS, I BLINDLY OBEYED ELI WALLACH & BOUGHT TOYOTAS!!
HAL HOLBROOK DOES ADS FOR "DENNY'S".. CHARLTON HESTON DOES "SEA WORLD". TOM SELLECK DOES "A.T.&T."--
WARM.. ..FUZZY.. ..INVASIVE..
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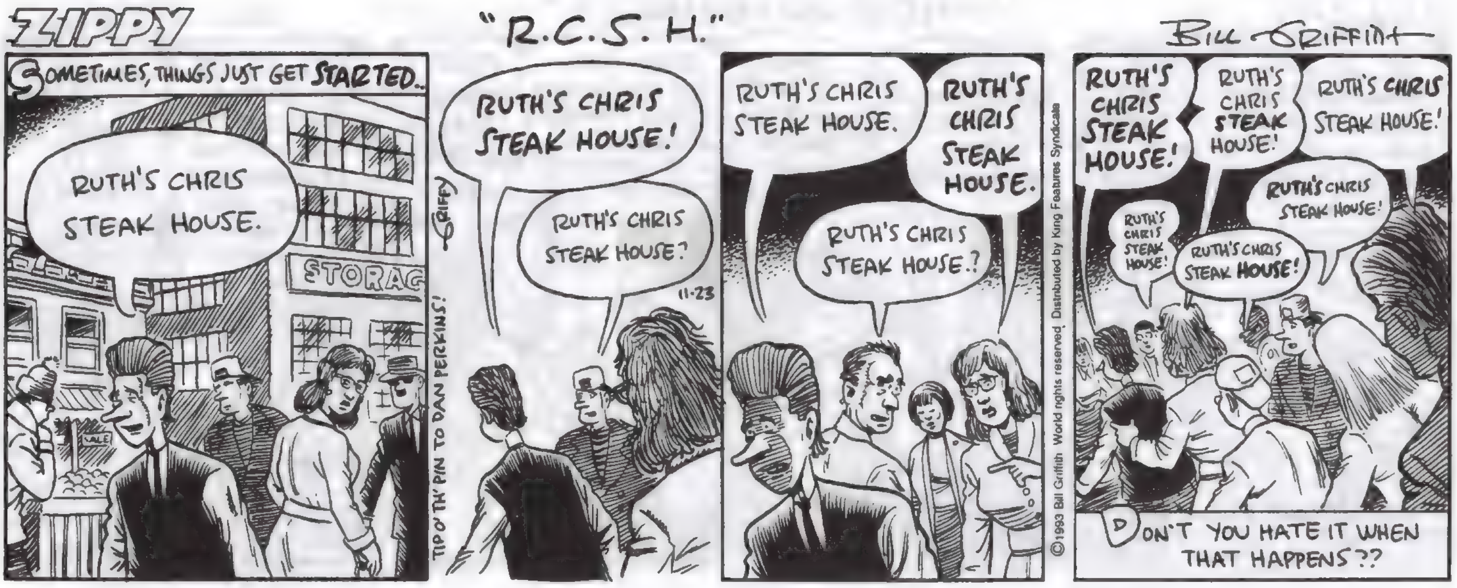
JUST TODAY, I LOGGED JOHN GOODMAN DOING "BUDWEISER" & KELSEY GRAMMER DOING "CANON BUBBLE JET PRINTERS"!
PURE POETRY..
GRIFFY
11-12
AND, FROM BEYOND TH' GRAVE, TH' RESONANT YET GOOFY TONES OF FRED GWYNNE, STILL SELLING "MAYTAG" DISHWASHERS..
I'LL ALWAYS ASSOCIATE SPOT-FREE DINNERWARE WITH HERMAN MUNSTER!!


ZIPPY
"R.C.S.H."
BILL GRIFFITH
SOMETIMES, THINGS JUST GET STARTED..
RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE.
STORAG
SALE
RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE!
RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE?
GRIFFY
11-23
TIP O' TH' PIN TO DAN PERKINS!
RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE.
RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE.
RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE.?
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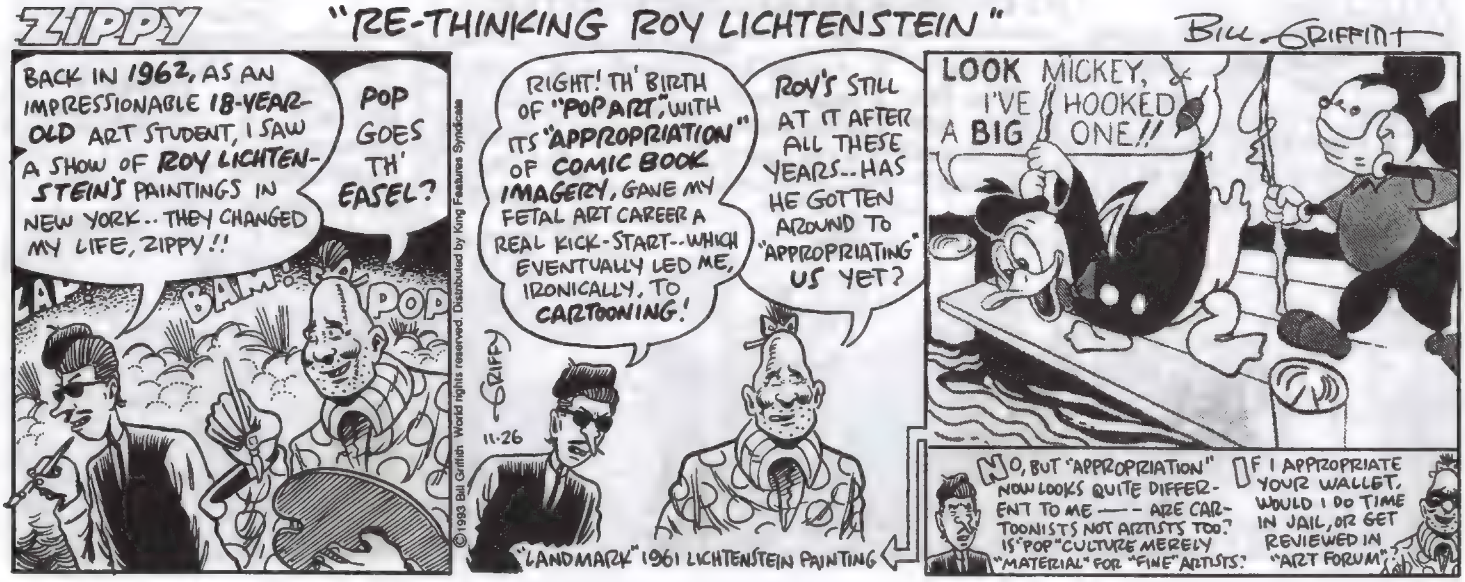
DON'T YOU HATE IT WHEN THAT HAPPENS??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"RE-THINKING ROY LICHTENSTEIN"
BILL GRIFFITH
BACK IN 1962, AS AN IMPRESSIONABLE 18-YEAR-OLD ART STUDENT, I SAW A SHOW OF ROY LICHTENSTEIN'S PAINTINGS IN NEW YORK.. THEY CHANGED MY LIFE, ZIPPY!!
POP GOES TH' EASEL?
BAM!
POP
RIGHT! TH' BIRTH OF "POP ART," WITH ITS "APPROPRIATION" OF COMIC BOOK IMAGERY, GAVE MY FETAL ART CAREER A REAL KICK-START--WHICH EVENTUALLY LED ME, IRONICALLY, TO CARTOONING!
ROY'S STILL AT IT AFTER ALL THESE YEARS--HAS HE GOTTEN AROUND TO "APPROPRIATING" US YET?
GRIFFY
11-26
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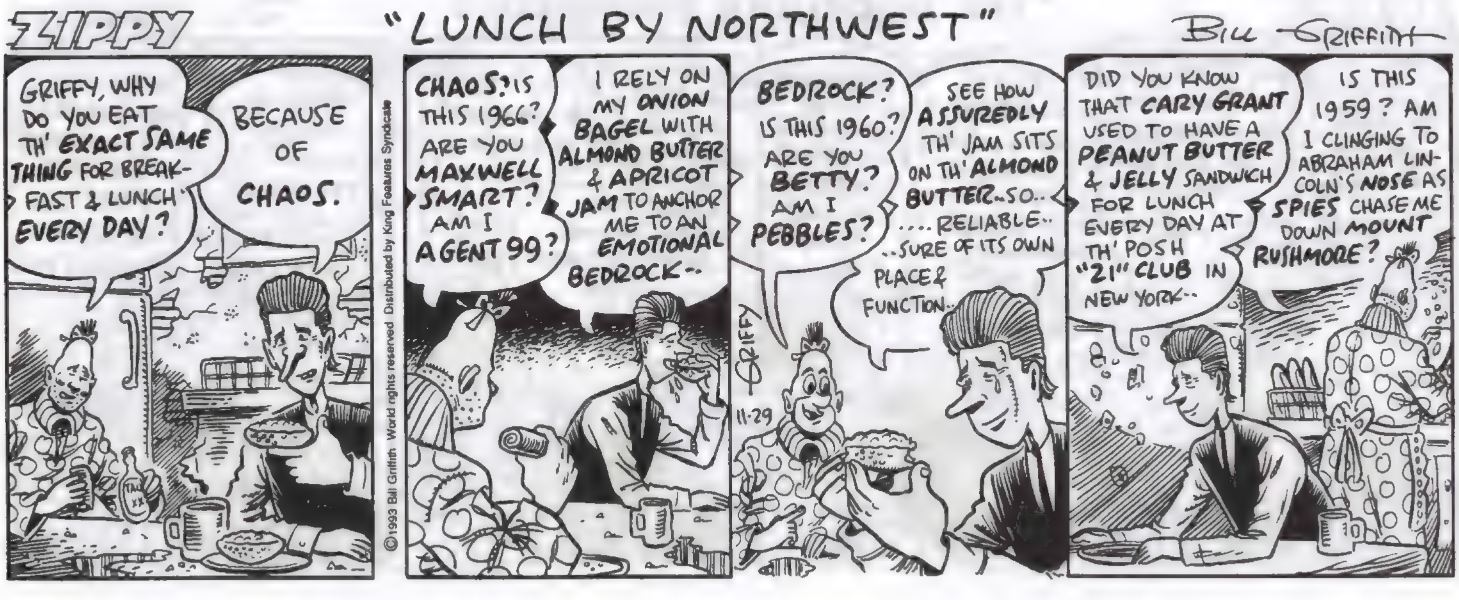
"LANDMARK" 1961 LICHTENSTEIN PAINTING
LOOK MICKEY, I'VE HOOKED A BIG ONE!!
NO, BUT "APPROPRIATION" NOW LOOKS QUITE DIFFERENT TO ME —— - ARE CARTOONISTS NOT ARTISTS TOO? IS "POP" CULTURE MERELY "MATERIAL" FOR "FINE" ARTISTS?
IF I APPROPRIATE YOUR WALLET, WOULD I DO TIME IN JAIL, OR GET REVIEWED IN "ART FORUM"?


ZIPPY
"LUNCH BY NORTHWEST"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, WHY DO YOU EAT TH' EXACT SAME THING FOR BREAKFAST & LUNCH EVERY DAY?
BECAUSE OF CHAOS.
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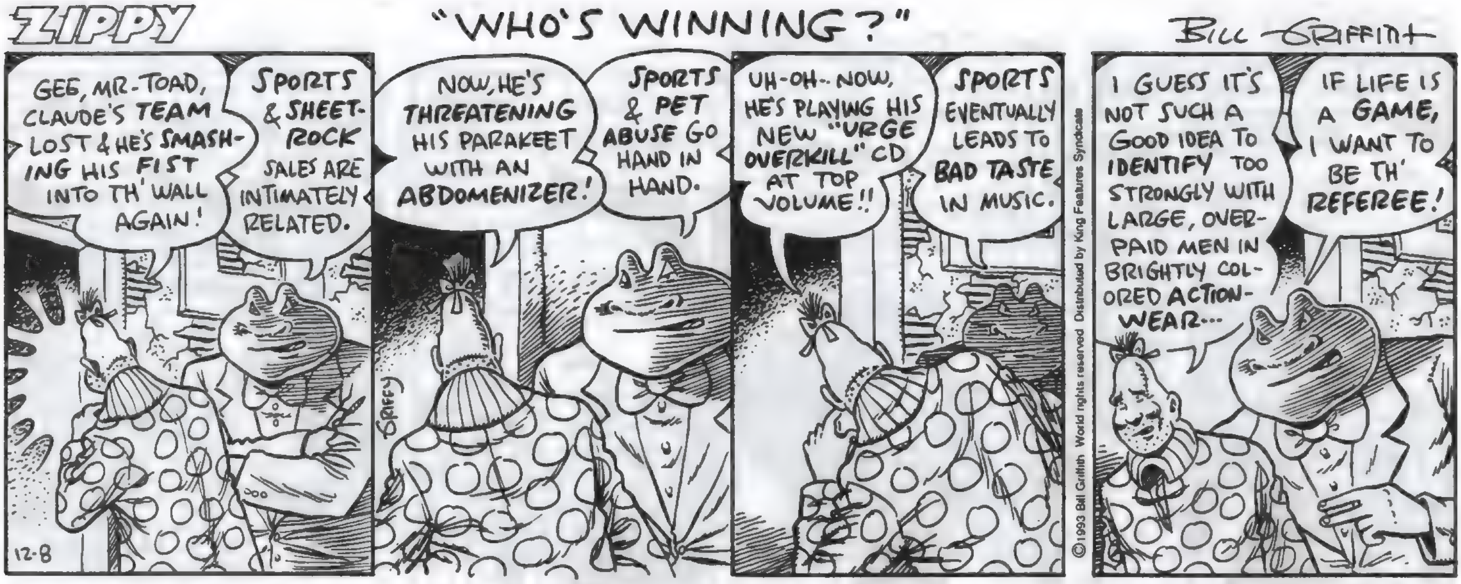
CHAOS? IS THIS 1966? ARE YOU MAXWELL SMART? AM I AGENT 99?
I RELY ON MY ONION BAGEL WITH ALMOND BUTTER & APRICOT JAM TO ANCHOR ME TO AN EMOTIONAL BEDROCK--
GRIFFY
11-29
BEDROCK? IS THIS 1960? ARE YOU BETTY? AM I PEBBLES?
SEE HOW ASSUREDLY TH' JAM SITS ON TH' ALMOND BUTTER..SO.. ....RELIABLE.. ..SURE OF ITS OWN PLACE & FUNCTION..
DID YOU KNOW THAT CARY GRANT USED TO HAVE A PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH FOR LUNCH EVERY DAY AT TH' POSH "21" CLUB IN NEW YORK..
IS THIS 1959? AM I CLINGING TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S NOSE AS SPIES CHASE ME DOWN MOUNT RUSHMORE?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"WHO'S WINNING?"
BILL GRIFFITH
GEE, MR. TOAD, CLAUDE'S TEAM LOST & HE'S SMASHING HIS FIST INTO TH' WALL AGAIN!
SPORTS & SHEET-ROCK SALES ARE INTIMATELY RELATED.
NOW, HE'S THREATENING HIS PARAKEET WITH AN ABDOMENIZER!
SPORTS & PET ABUSE GO HAND IN HAND.
UH-OH.. NOW, HE'S PLAYING HIS NEW "URGE OVERKILL" CD AT TOP VOLUME!!
SPORTS EVENTUALLY LEADS TO BAD TASTE IN MUSIC.
I GUESS IT'S NOT SUCH A GOOD IDEA TO IDENTIFY TOO STRONGLY WITH LARGE, OVER-PAID MEN IN BRIGHTLY COLORED ACTION-WEAR...
IF LIFE IS A GAME, I WANT TO BE TH' REFEREE!
12-8
GRIFFY
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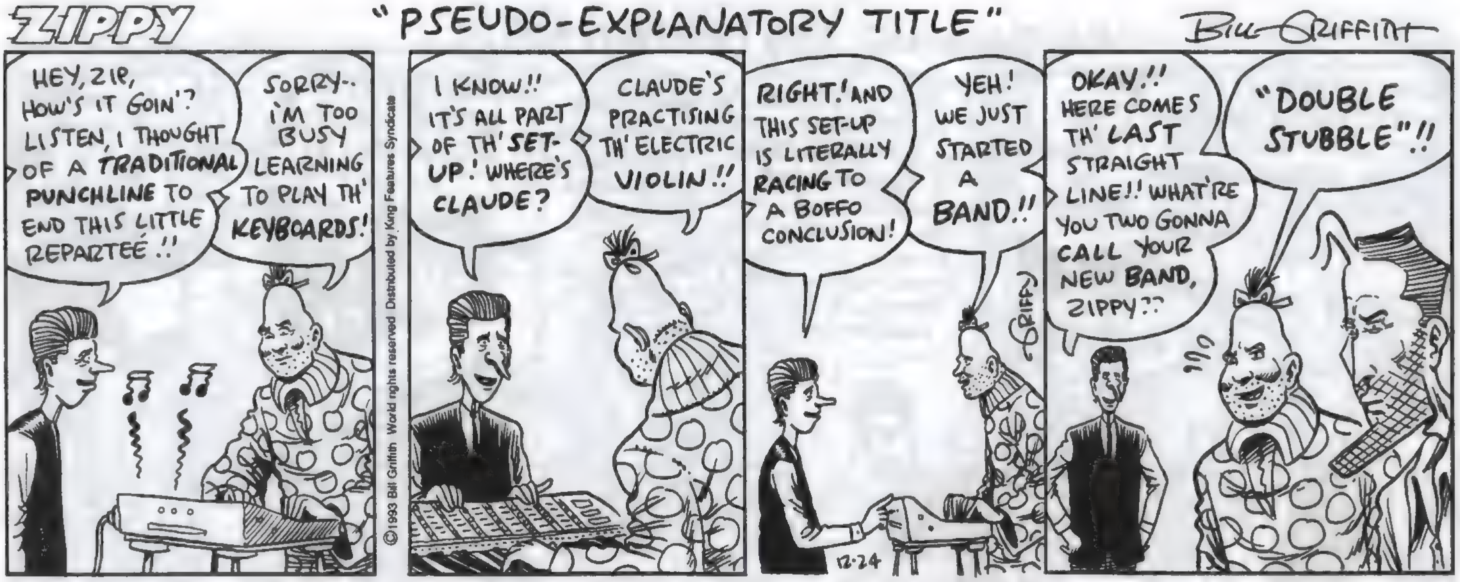
ZIPPY
"PSEUDO-EXPLANATORY TITLE"
BILL GRIFFITH
HEY, ZIP, HOW'S IT GOIN'? LISTEN, I THOUGHT OF A TRADITIONAL PUNCHLINE TO END THIS LITTLE REPARTEÉ.!!
SORRY.. I'M TOO BUSY LEARNING TO PLAY TH' KEYBOARDS!
I KNOW!! IT'S ALL PART OF TH' SET-UP! WHERE'S CLAUDE?
CLAUDE'S PRACTISING TH' ELECTRIC VIOLIN!!
RIGHT! AND THIS SET-UP IS LITERALLY RACING TO A BOFFO CONCLUSION!
YEH! WE JUST STARTED A BAND!!
OKAY!! HERE COMES TH' LAST STRAIGHT LINE!! WHAT'RE YOU TWO GONNA CALL YOUR NEW BAND, ZIPPY??
"DOUBLE STUBBLE"!!
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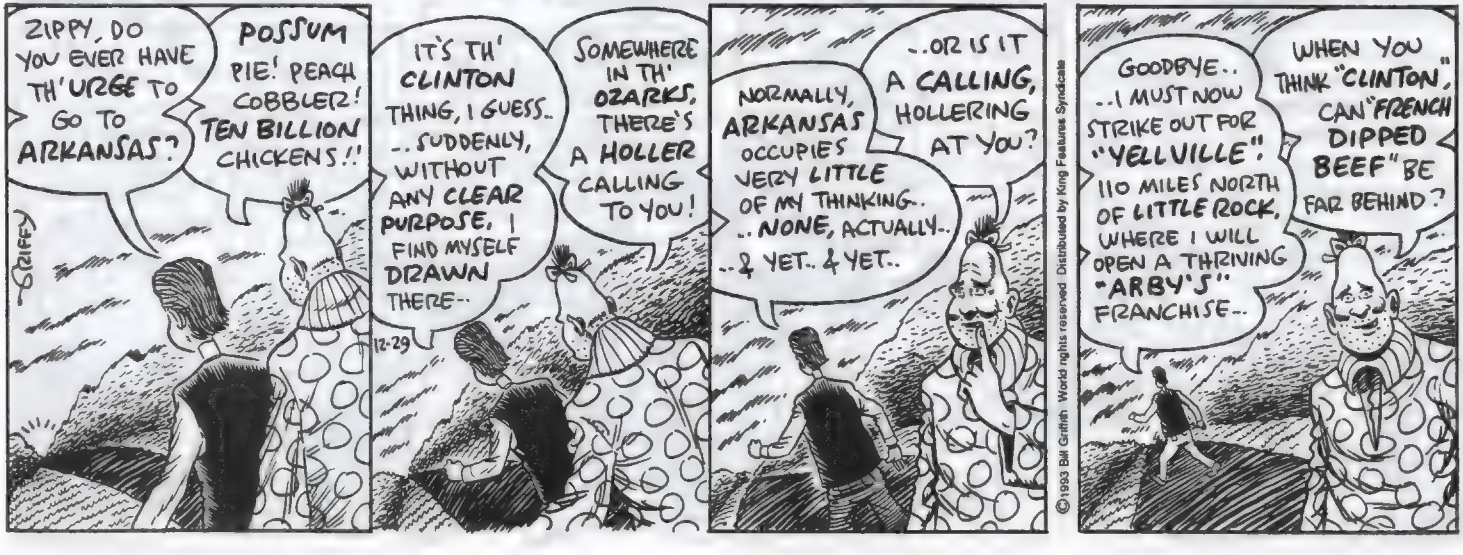
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"THE ARKANSAS TRAVELER"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, DO YOU EVER HAVE TH' URGE TO GO TO ARKANSAS?
POSSUM PIE! PEACH COBBLER! TEN BILLION CHICKENS!!
IT'S TH' CLINTON THING, I GUESS.. ..SUDDENLY, WITHOUT ANY CLEAR PURPOSE, I FIND MYSELF DRAWN THERE..
SOMEWHERE IN TH' OZARKS, THERE'S A HOLLER CALLING TO YOU!
NORMALLY, ARKANSAS OCCUPIES VERY LITTLE OF MY THINKING.. ..NONE, ACTUALLY.. ..& YET.. & YET..
..OR IS IT A CALLING, HOLLERING AT YOU?
GOODBYE.. ..I MUST NOW STRIKE OUT FOR "YELLVILLE", 110 MILES NORTH OF LITTLE ROCK, WHERE I WILL OPEN A THRIVING "ARBY'S" FRANCHISE..
WHEN YOU THINK "CLINTON", CAN "FRENCH DIPPED BEEF" BE FAR BEHIND?
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"THREE GUYS, FOUR WHEELS"

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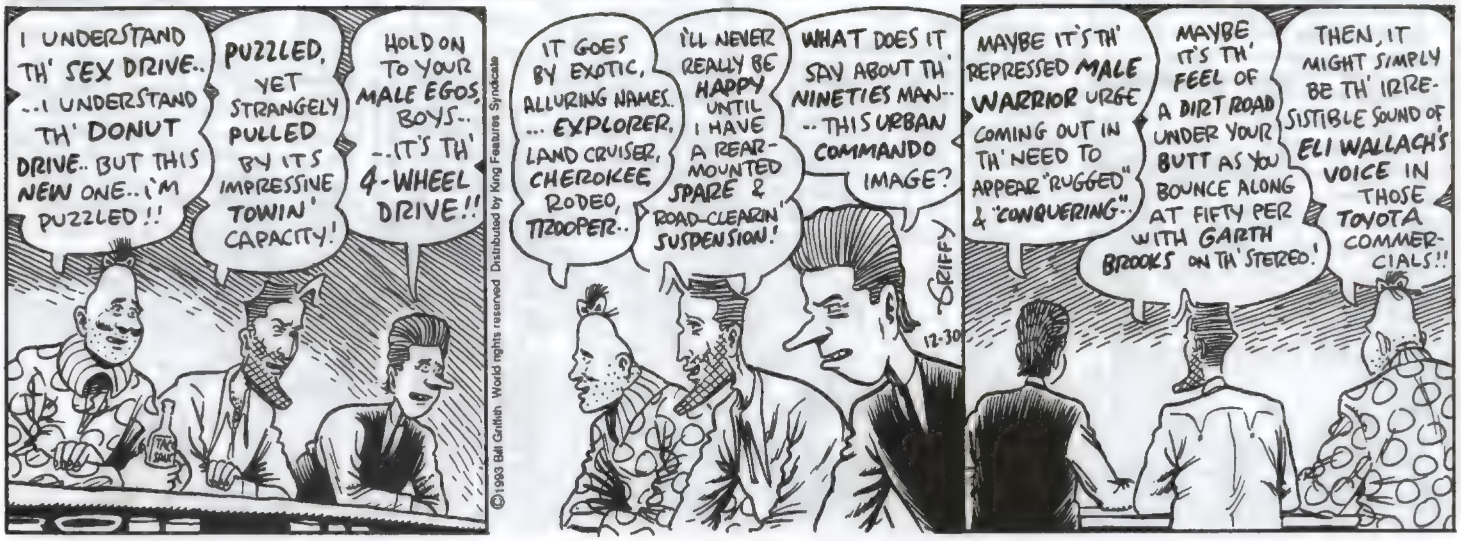
I UNDERSTAND TH' SEX DRIVE.. ..I UNDERSTAND TH' DONUT DRIVE.. BUT THIS NEW ONE..I'M PUZZLED!!
PUZZLED, YET STRANGELY PULLED BY ITS IMPRESSIVE TOWIN' CAPACITY!
HOLD ON TO YOUR MALE EGOS, BOYS.. ..IT'S TH' 4-WHEEL DRIVE!!
TACO SAUCE
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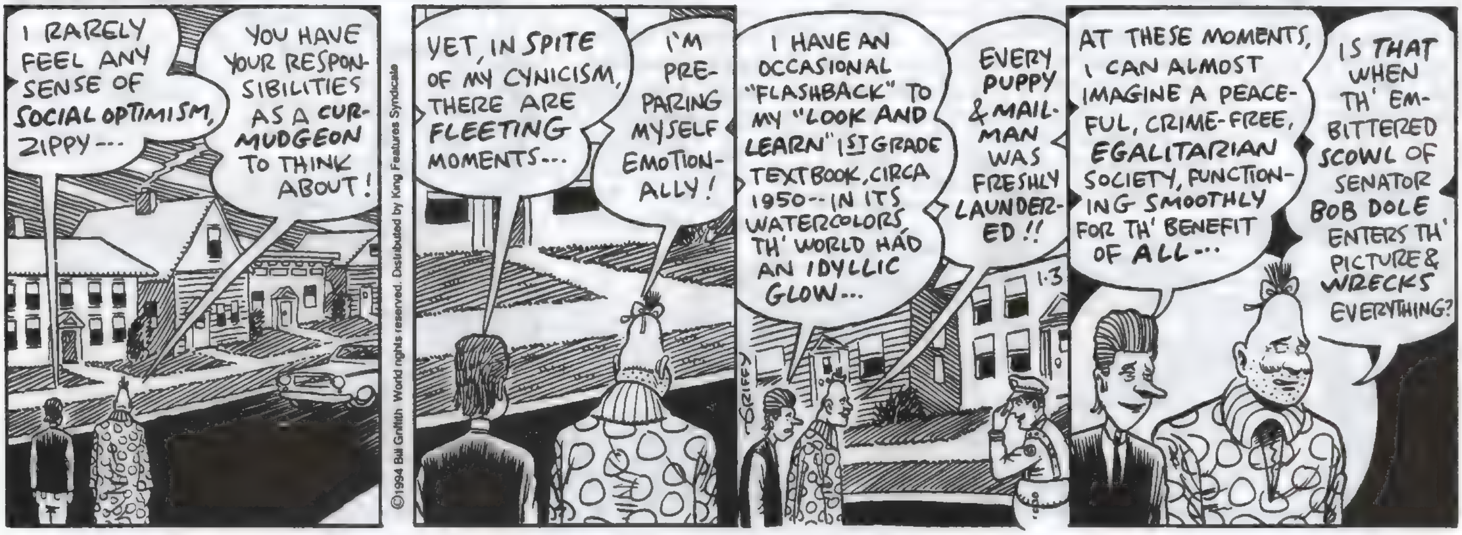
IT GOES BY EXOTIC, ALLURING NAMES.. ...EXPLORER, LAND CRUISER, CHEROKEE, RODEO, TROOPER..
I'LL NEVER REALLY BE HAPPY UNTIL I HAVE A REAR-MOUNTED SPARE & ROAD-CLEARIN' SUSPENSION!
WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT TH' NINETIES MAN.. ..THIS URBAN COMMANDO IMAGE?
GRIFFY
12-30
MAYBE IT'S TH' REPRESSED MALE WARRIOR URGE COMING OUT IN TH' NEED TO APPEAR "RUGGED" & "CONQUERING"..
MAYBE IT'S TH' FEEL OF A DIRT ROAD UNDER YOUR BUTT AS YOU BOUNCE ALONG AT FIFTY PER WITH GARTH BROOKS ON TH' STEREO!
THEN, IT MIGHT SIMPLY BE TH' IRRESISTIBLE SOUND OF ELI WALLACH'S VOICE IN THOSE TOYOTA COMMERCIALS!!

ZIPPY

"THE BOILED OPPOSITION"

BILL GRIFFITH


I RARELY FEEL ANY SENSE OF SOCIAL OPTIMISM, ZIPPY---
YOU HAVE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A CURMUDGEON TO THINK ABOUT!
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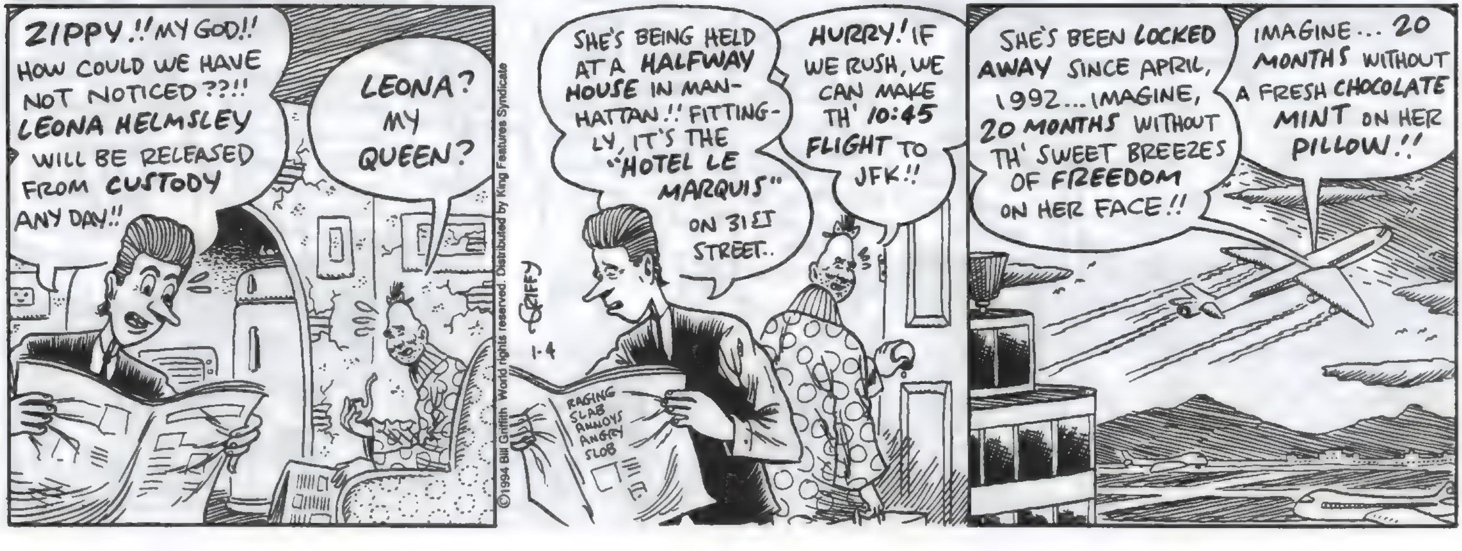
YET, IN SPITE OF MY CYNICISM, THERE ARE FLEETING MOMENTS...
I'M PREPARING MYSELF EMOTIONALLY!
I HAVE AN OCCASIONAL "FLASHBACK" TO MY "LOOK AND LEARN" 1ST GRADE TEXTBOOK, CIRCA 1950--IN ITS WATERCOLORS, TH' WORLD HAD AN IDYLLIC GLOW...
EVERY PUPPY & MAILMAN WAS FRESHLY LAUNDERED!!
GRIFFY
1-3
AT THESE MOMENTS, I CAN ALMOST IMAGINE A PEACEFUL, CRIME-FREE, EGALITARIAN SOCIETY, FUNCTIONING SMOOTHLY FOR TH' BENEFIT OF ALL...
IS THAT WHEN TH' EMBITTERED SCOWL OF SENATOR BOB DOLE ENTERS TH' PICTURE & WRECKS EVERYTHING?

ZIPPY

"ROYAL AUDIENCE"

BILL GRIFFITH


ZIPPY!! MY GOD!! HOW COULD WE HAVE NOT NOTICED??!! LEONA HELMSLEY WILL BE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY ANY DAY!!
LEONA? MY QUEEN?
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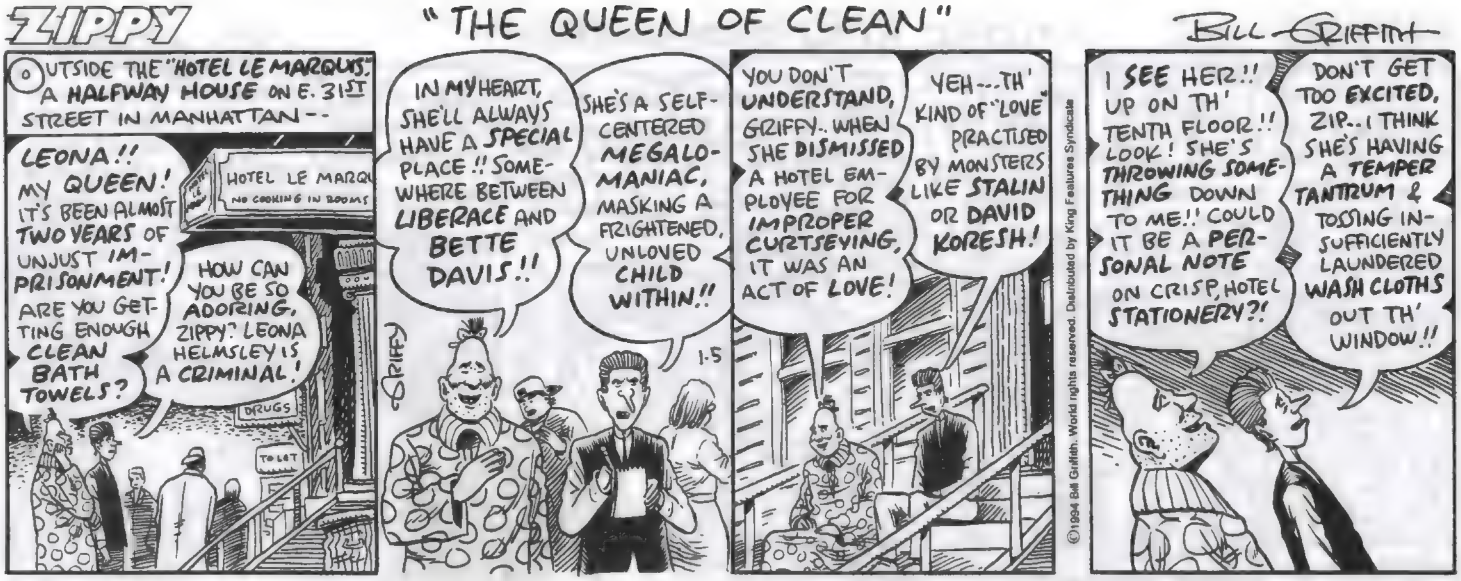
SHE'S BEING HELD AT A HALFWAY HOUSE IN MANHATTAN!! FITTINGLY, IT'S THE "HOTEL LE MARQUIS" ON 31ST STREET..
HURRY! IF WE RUSH, WE CAN MAKE TH' 10:45 FLIGHT TO JFK!!
GRIFFY
1-4
RAGING SLAB ANNOYS ANGRY SLOB
SHE'S BEEN LOCKED AWAY SINCE APRIL, 1992...IMAGINE, 20 MONTHS WITHOUT TH' SWEET BREEZES OF FREEDOM ON HER FACE!!
IMAGINE... 20 MONTHS WITHOUT A FRESH CHOCOLATE MINT ON HER PILLOW!!


ZIPPY
"THE QUEEN OF CLEAN"
BILL GRIFFITH
OUTSIDE THE "HOTEL LE MARQUIS," A HALFWAY HOUSE ON E. 31ST STREET IN MANHATTAN--
HOTEL LE MARQU
NO COOKING IN ROOMS
LEONA!! MY QUEEN! IT'S BEEN ALMOST TWO YEARS OF UNJUST IMPRISONMENT! ARE YOU GETTING ENOUGH CLEAN BATH TOWELS?
HOW CAN YOU BE SO ADORING, ZIPPY? LEONA HELMSLEY IS A CRIMINAL!
DRUGS
TO LET
IN MY HEART, SHE'LL ALWAYS HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE!! SOMEWHERE BETWEEN LIBERACE AND BETTE DAVIS!!
SHE'S A SELF-CENTERED MEGALOMANIAC, MASKING A FRIGHTENED, UNLOVED CHILD WITHIN!!
GRIFFY
1-5
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, GRIFFY.. WHEN SHE DISMISSED A HOTEL EMPLOYEE FOR IMPROPER CURTSEYING, IT WAS AN ACT OF LOVE!
YEH---TH' KIND OF "LOVE" PRACTISED BY MONSTERS LIKE STALIN OR DAVID KORESH!
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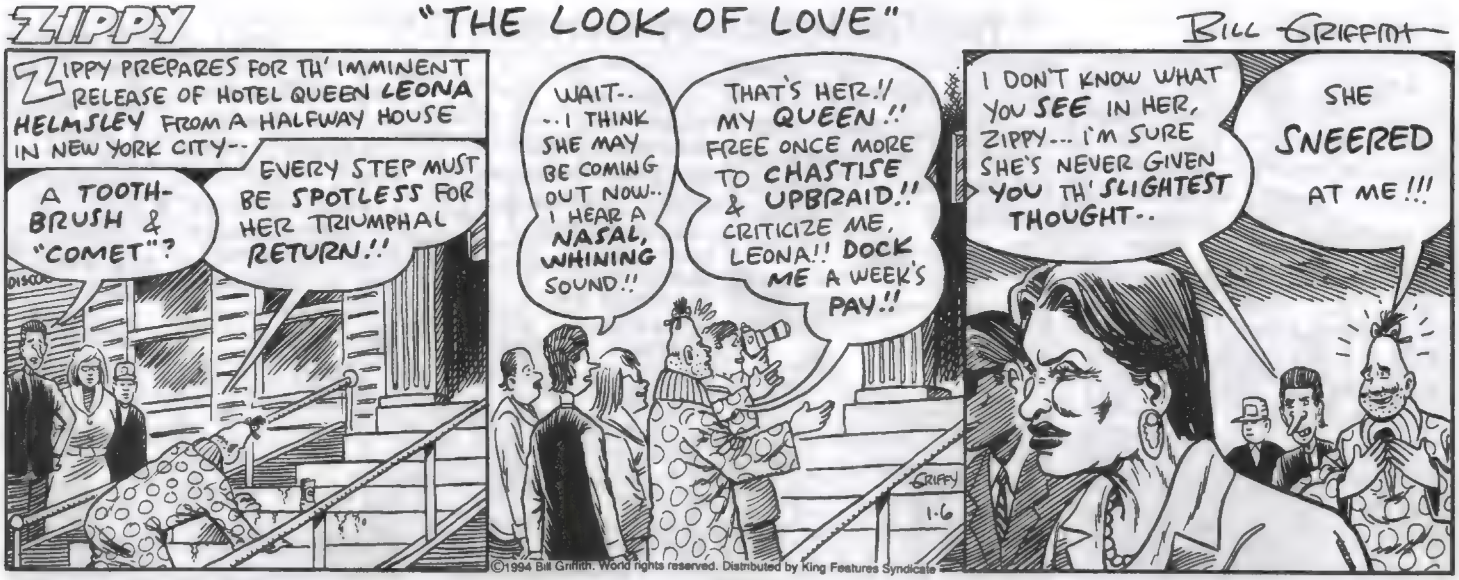
I SEE HER!! UP ON TH' TENTH FLOOR!! LOOK! SHE'S THROWING SOMETHING DOWN TO ME!! COULD IT BE A PERSONAL NOTE ON CRISP, HOTEL STATIONERY?!
DON'T GET TOO EXCITED, ZIP.. I THINK SHE'S HAVING A TEMPER TANTRUM & TOSSING INSUFFICIENTLY LAUNDERED WASH CLOTHS OUT TH' WINDOW!!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"THE LOOK OF LOVE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY PREPARES FOR TH' IMMINENT RELEASE OF HOTEL QUEEN LEONA HELMSLEY FROM A HALFWAY HOUSE IN NEW YORK CITY--
A TOOTHBRUSH & "COMET"?
EVERY STEP MUST BE SPOTLESS FOR HER TRIUMPHAL RETURN!!
DISCO
WAIT.. ..I THINK SHE MAY BE COMING OUT NOW.. I HEAR A NASAL, WHINING SOUND!!
THAT'S HER!! MY QUEEN!! FREE ONCE MORE TO CHASTISE & UPBRAID!! CRITICIZE ME, LEONA!! DOCK ME A WEEK'S PAY!!
GRIFFY
1-6
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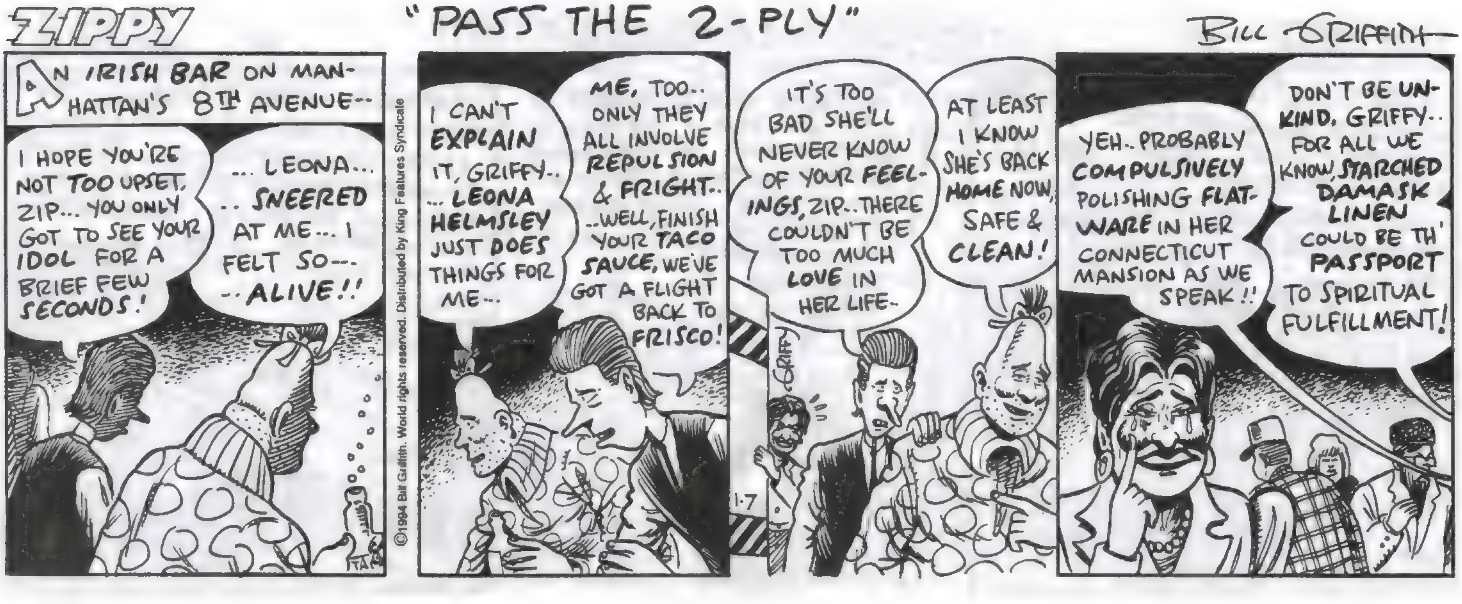
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU SEE IN HER, ZIPPY--- I'M SURE SHE'S NEVER GIVEN YOU TH' SLIGHTEST THOUGHT..
SHE SNEERED AT ME!!!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"PASS THE 2-PLY"
BILL GRIFFITH
AN IRISH BAR ON MANHATTAN'S 8TH AVENUE--
I HOPE YOU'RE NOT TOO UPSET, ZIP... YOU ONLY GOT TO SEE YOUR IDOL FOR A BRIEF FEW SECONDS!
... LEONA... ... SNEERED AT ME... I FELT SO--- --ALIVE!!
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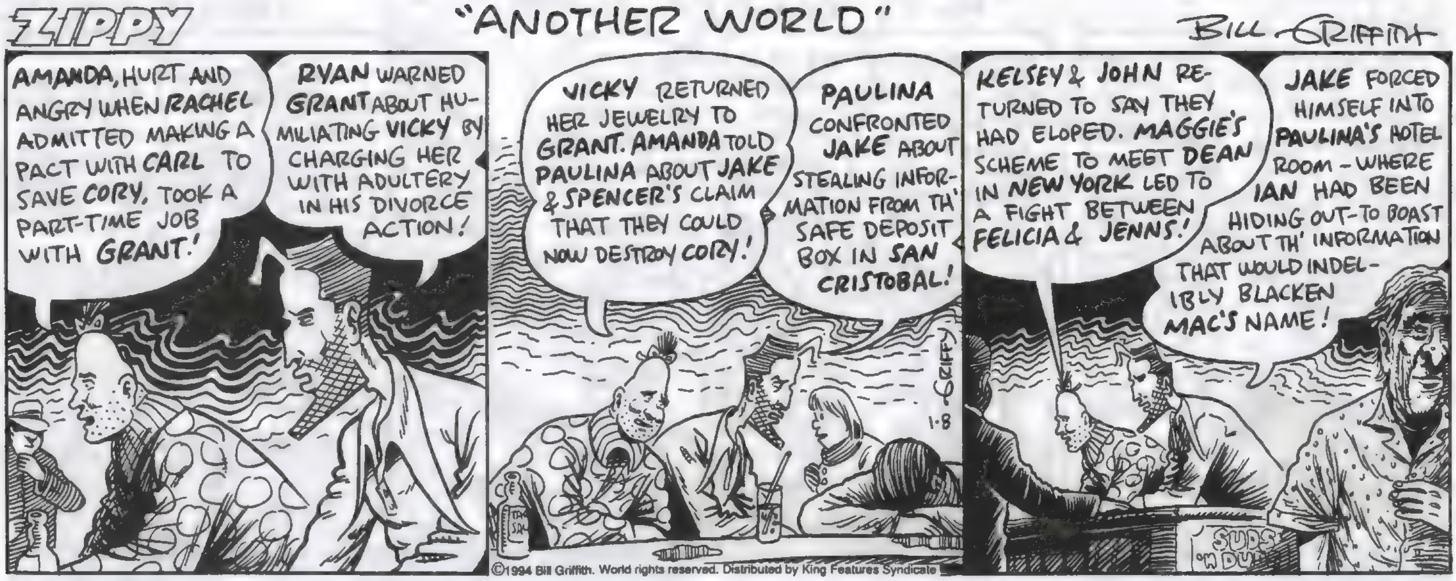
I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT, GRIFFY.. ... LEONA HELMSLEY JUST DOES THINGS FOR ME..
ME, TOO.. ONLY THEY ALL INVOLVE REPULSION & FRIGHT.. ..WELL, FINISH YOUR TACO SAUCE, WE'VE GOT A FLIGHT BACK TO FRISCO!
1-7
IT'S TOO BAD SHE'LL NEVER KNOW OF YOUR FEELINGS, ZIP.. THERE COULDN'T BE TOO MUCH LOVE IN HER LIFE..
AT LEAST I KNOW SHE'S BACK HOME NOW, SAFE & CLEAN!
GRIFFY
YEH.. PROBABLY COMPULSIVELY POLISHING FLATWARE IN HER CONNECTICUT MANSION AS WE SPEAK!!
DON'T BE UNKIND, GRIFFY.. FOR ALL WE KNOW, STARCHED DAMASK LINEN COULD BE TH' PASSPORT TO SPIRITUAL FULFILLMENT!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BILL GRIFFITH
AMANDA, HURT AND ANGRY WHEN RACHEL ADMITTED MAKING A PACT WITH CARL TO SAVE CORY, TOOK A PART-TIME JOB WITH GRANT!
RYAN WARNED GRANT ABOUT HUMILIATING VICKY BY CHARGING HER WITH ADULTERY IN HIS DIVORCE ACTION!
VICKY RETURNED HER JEWELRY TO GRANT. AMANDA TOLD PAULINA ABOUT JAKE & SPENCER'S CLAIM THAT THEY COULD NOW DESTROY CORY!
PAULINA CONFRONTED JAKE ABOUT STEALING INFORMATION FROM TH' SAFE DEPOSIT BOX IN SAN CRISTOBAL!
GRIFFY
1-8
KELSEY & JOHN RETURNED TO SAY THEY HAD ELOPED. MAGGIE'S SCHEME TO MEET DEAN IN NEW YORK LED TO A FIGHT BETWEEN FELICIA & JENNS!
JAKE FORCED HIMSELF INTO PAULINA'S HOTEL ROOM – WHERE IAN HAD BEEN HIDING OUT – TO BOAST ABOUT TH' INFORMATION THAT WOULD INDELIBLY BLACKEN MAC'S NAME!
SUDS 'N DU

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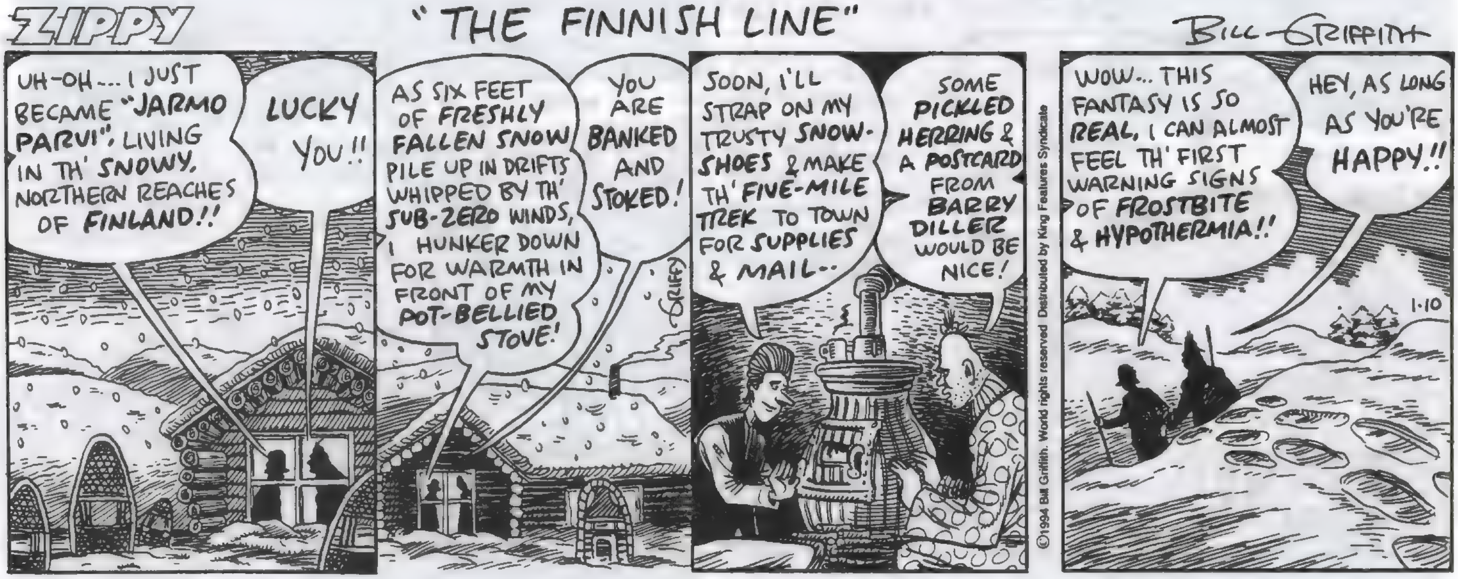
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"THE FINNISH LINE"
BILL GRIFFITH
UH-OH... I JUST BECAME "JARMO PARVI", LIVING IN TH' SNOWY, NORTHERN REACHES OF FINLAND!!
LUCKY YOU!!
AS SIX FEET OF FRESHLY FALLEN SNOW PILE UP IN DRIFTS WHIPPED BY TH' SUB-ZERO WINDS, I HUNKER DOWN FOR WARMTH IN FRONT OF MY POT-BELLIED STOVE!
YOU ARE BANKED AND STOKED!
GRIFFY
SOON, I'LL STRAP ON MY TRUSTY SNOW-SHOES & MAKE TH' FIVE-MILE TREK TO TOWN FOR SUPPLIES & MAIL..
SOME PICKLED HERRING & A POSTCARD FROM BARRY DILLER WOULD BE NICE!
WOW... THIS FANTASY IS SO REAL, I CAN ALMOST FEEL TH' FIRST WARNING SIGNS OF FROSTBITE & HYPOTHERMIA!!
HEY, AS LONG AS YOU'RE HAPPY!!
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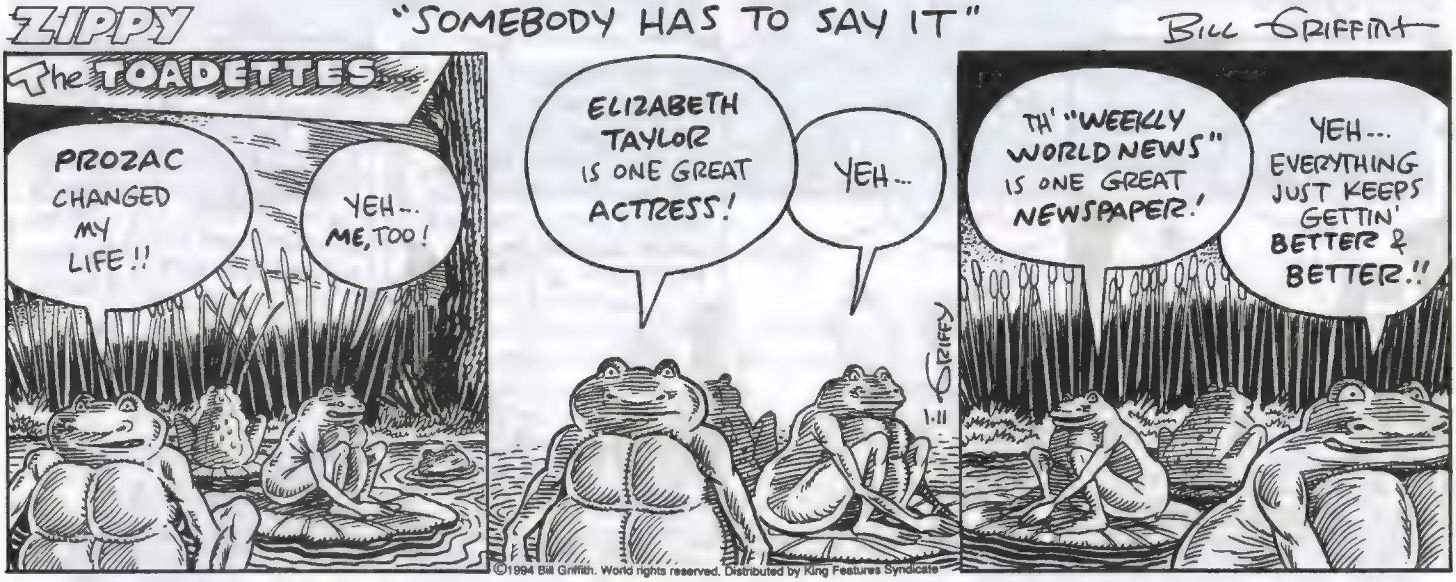
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"SOMEBODY HAS TO SAY IT"
BILL GRIFFITH
The TOADETTES...
PROZAC CHANGED MY LIFE!!
YEH.. ME, TOO!
ELIZABETH TAYLOR IS ONE GREAT ACTRESS!
YEH...
GRIFFY
1-11
TH' "WEEKLY WORLD NEWS" IS ONE GREAT NEWSPAPER!
YEH... EVERYTHING JUST KEEPS GETTIN' BETTER & BETTER!!

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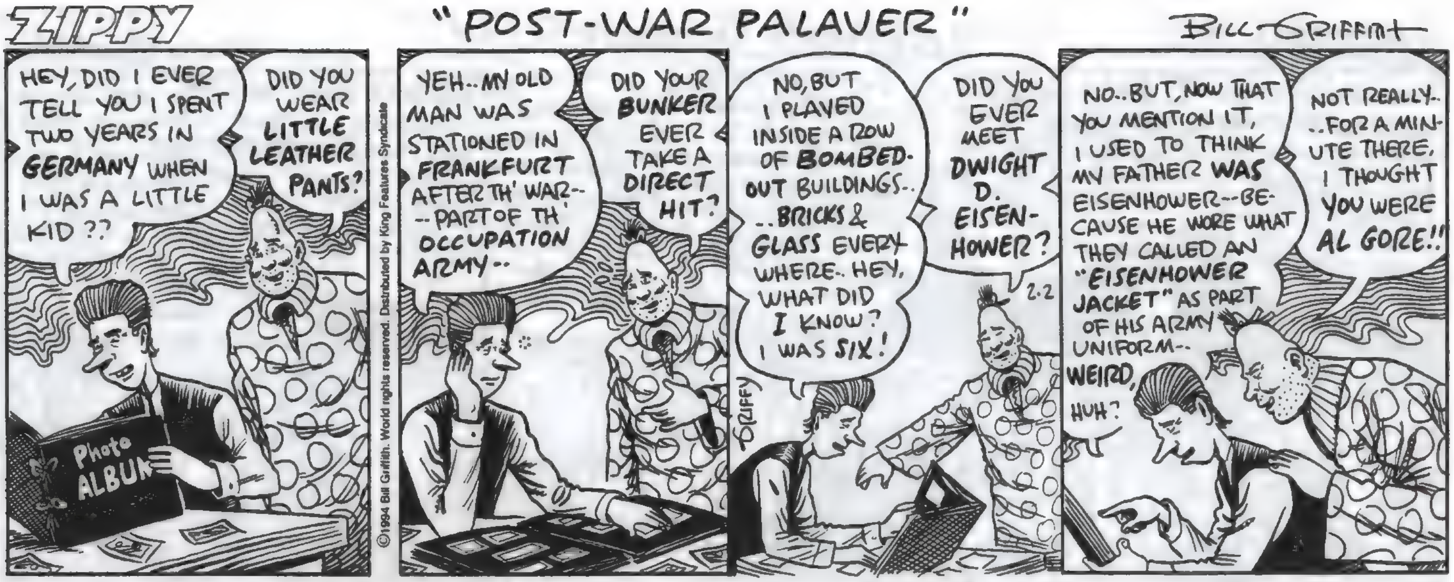
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"POST-WAR PALAVER"
BILL GRIFFITH
HEY, DID I EVER TELL YOU I SPENT TWO YEARS IN GERMANY WHEN I WAS A LITTLE KID ??
DID YOU WEAR LITTLE LEATHER PANTS?
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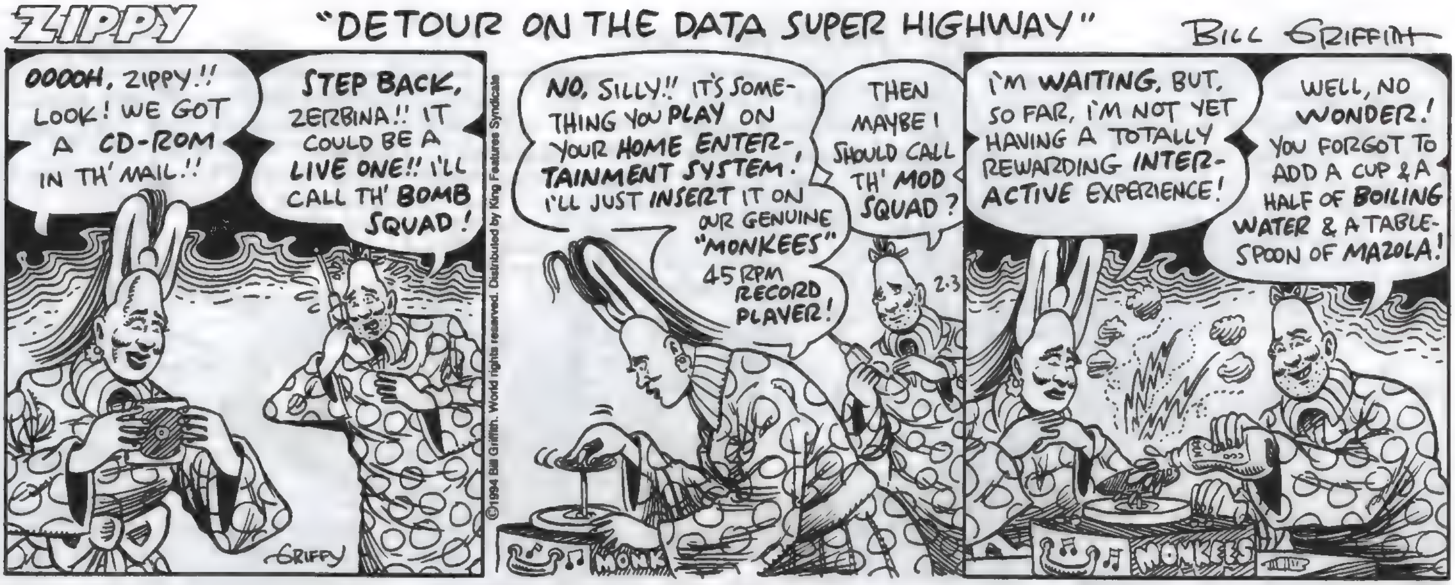
YEH.. MY OLD MAN WAS STATIONED IN FRANKFURT AFTER TH' WAR-- --PART OF TH' OCCUPATION ARMY--
DID YOUR BUNKER EVER TAKE A DIRECT HIT?
NO, BUT I PLAYED INSIDE A ROW OF BOMBED-OUT BUILDINGS.. ..BRICKS & GLASS EVERYWHERE.. HEY, WHAT DID I KNOW? I WAS SIX!
DID YOU EVER MEET DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER?
2-2
GRIFFY
NO.. BUT, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I USED TO THINK MY FATHER WAS EISENHOWER--BECAUSE HE WORE WHAT THEY CALLED AN "EISENHOWER JACKET" AS PART OF HIS ARMY UNIFORM-- WEIRD, HUH?
NOT REALLY.. ..FOR A MINUTE THERE, I THOUGHT YOU WERE AL GORE!!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"DETOUR ON THE DATA SUPER HIGHWAY"
BILL GRIFFITH
OOOOH, ZIPPY!! LOOK! WE GOT A CD-ROM IN TH' MAIL!!
STEP BACK, ZERBINA!! IT COULD BE A LIVE ONE!! I'LL CALL TH' BOMB SQUAD!
GRIFFY
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NO, SILLY!! IT'S SOMETHING YOU PLAY ON YOUR HOME ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM! I'LL JUST INSERT IT ON OUR GENUINE "MONKEES" 45 RPM RECORD PLAYER!
THEN MAYBE I SHOULD CALL TH' MOD SQUAD?
2-3
MONK
I'M WAITING, BUT, SO FAR, I'M NOT YET HAVING A TOTALLY REWARDING INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE!
WELL, NO WONDER! YOU FORGOT TO ADD A CUP & A HALF OF BOILING WATER & A TABLESPOON OF MAZOLA!
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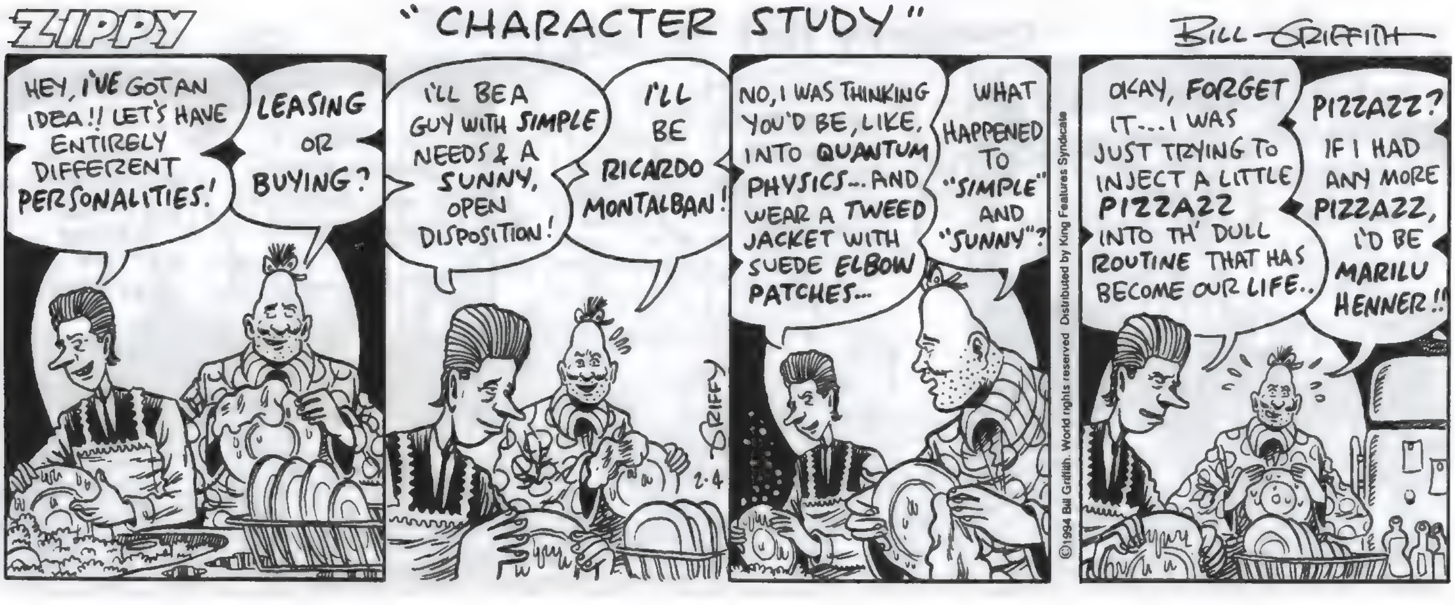
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"CHARACTER STUDY"
BILL GRIFFITH
HEY, I'VE GOT AN IDEA!! LET'S HAVE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES!
LEASING OR BUYING?
I'LL BE A GUY WITH SIMPLE NEEDS & A SUNNY, OPEN DISPOSITION!
I'LL BE RICARDO MONTALBAN!
GRIFFY
2-4
NO, I WAS THINKING YOU'D BE, LIKE, INTO QUANTUM PHYSICS... AND WEAR A TWEED JACKET WITH SUEDE ELBOW PATCHES...
WHAT HAPPENED TO "SIMPLE" AND "SUNNY"?
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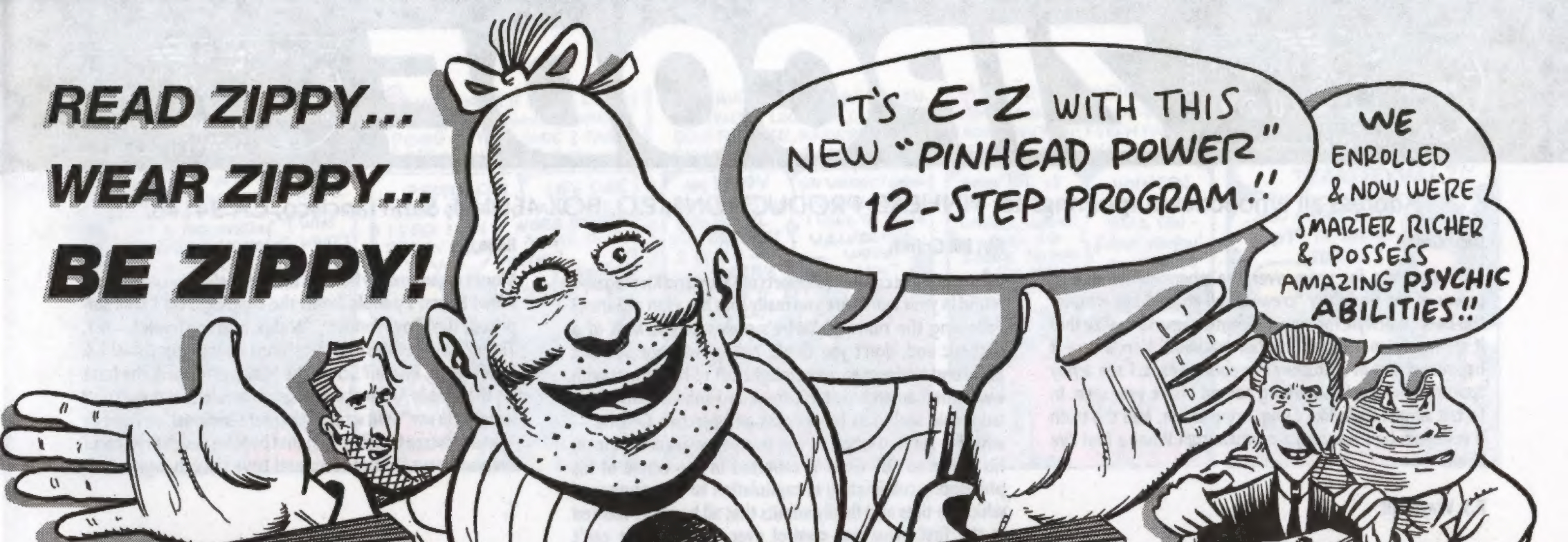
OKAY, FORGET IT... I WAS JUST TRYING TO INJECT A LITTLE PIZZAZZ INTO TH' DULL ROUTINE THAT HAS BECOME OUR LIFE..
PIZZAZZ? IF I HAD ANY MORE PIZZAZZ, I'D BE MARILU HENNER!!

READ ZIPPY... WEAR ZIPPY... BE ZIPPY!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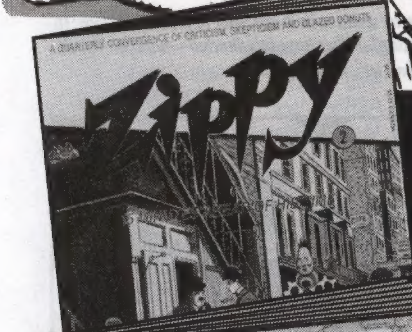
WE ENROLLED & NOW WE'RE SMARTER, RICHER & POSSESS AMAZING PSYCHIC ABILITIES!!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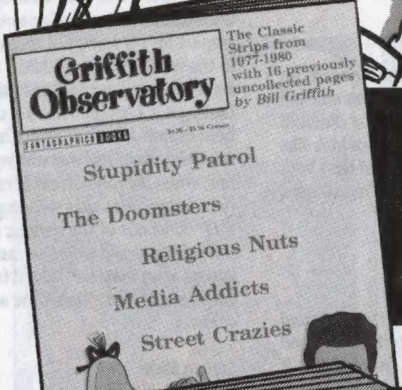
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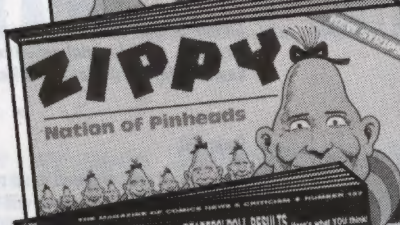
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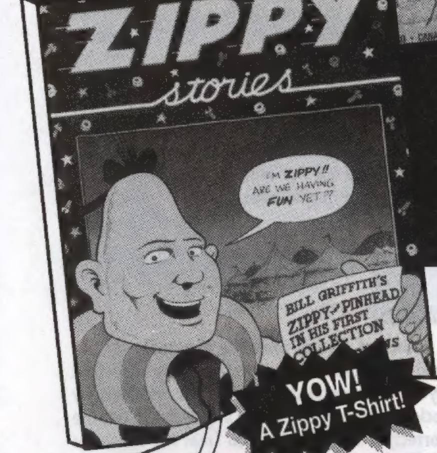
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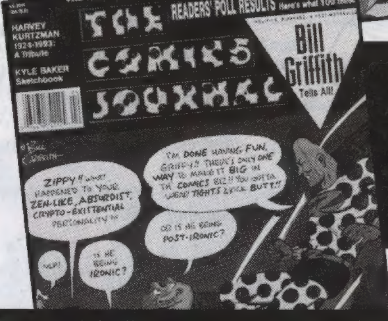
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I'M DONE HAVING FUN, GRIFFY!! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO MAKE IT BIG IN TH' COMICS BIZ!! YOU GOTTA WEAR TIGHTS 'N' KICK BUTT!!
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IS HE BEING IRONIC?
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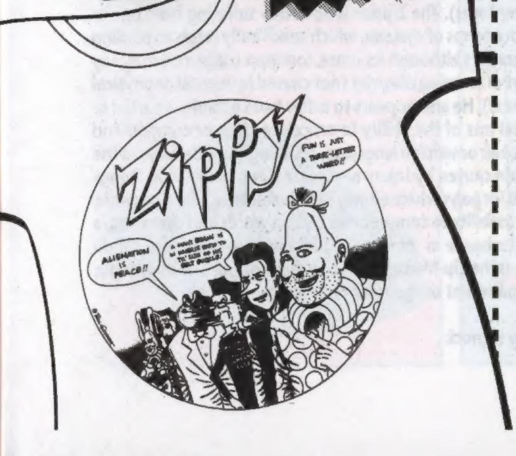
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Dear Griffy,

After puzzling for years over the phenomenal staying power of the unsightly "crew-cut-all-around-but-long-in-the-back" hairstyle for men, I recently came to realize that it springs from a classic frontier tradition. Here's how it happened: I'm in a Stuckey's in south Texas. I see a boy sporting the worst short/long haircut I have ever seen. In fact, it almost looks like a wig. I step closer, and the truth is revealed; he's wearing a *coonskin cap*! What a fool I've been.

R.S. Wayment

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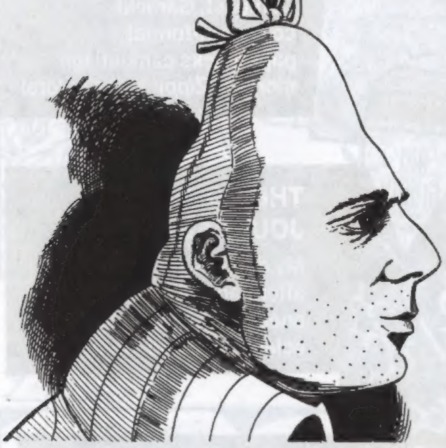
Hey Griffy,

I just heard Jerry Seinfeld mention "Zippy the Pinhead" on national television at 9:20 on 1/6/94. Elaine was worried that her boyfriend would look disfigured after a climbing accident. Jerry said, "You're afraid he's gonna look like Zippy the Pinhead?" Question: Seinfeld is out of New York — how does he know about the tapered one? I'm confused and feel the need to do a load of whites.

John Schneider

John — I suspect it was Michael Richards (Kramer) who planted that line. By the way, I believe that's a New York set Jerry and friends kvetch on. The show is shot in L.A., where Zippy is rampant. — BG



Michael Richards is Zippy

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Dear Griffy,

In 1982 or '83 in Adelaide, South Australia, the man I was having an affair with loaned me the first Zippy comic I ever saw — an act which endeared him to me forever, never mind the rest. Zippy has given me innumerable moments of sheer joy, and I often thought of proposing marriage to you, but I was too young and not inclined toward marriage, per se. Since then, however, I met an Englishman in Spain who changed my mind. Reading the latest *Zippy Quarterly*, I've found that you have married, and I guess that you're a once-only kind of guy so that must be it! There's no chance now with two marriages in the way! It was a beautiful dream. Kiss Zippy for me, mind the stubble.

Iris Wakutenko

Mr. Bill Griffith,

What are these constant supports of Sartre and Kierkegaard found in your work? Are you really that big a fan of Sartre? Following the route of Sartre's philosophy is kind of a pathetic end, don't you think? *Nausea* was not bad but *Being and Nothingness* was straight out of Heidegger with a worthless amendment. His frank and unbased atheism is laughable seeing as he chooses an objective God he — what? — refuted when he was thirteen years old? I mean, his desire to "be God" is reflected in the whole of his philosophy culminating in capitulation to communism of which he tires and finally admits that all he really wanted in the first place was control over the world he can't understand. As for Kierkegaard, I too have a great deal of respect for his work, but recently I have found limitations in the whole "knight of faith" deal. I mean, just like most Hegelians, he has great analysis but his solutions are a bit faulty,. But enough. Here's a story for you. I was at a 24-hour "Super-America," which is a combination gas-station-and-mini-mart, and was waiting in line to buy a nice "Slim Jim" when the guy in front of me looked at the guy behind the counter who was wearing a shirt which read "BEST BUY" in honor of the generic cigarettes. Pointing to the shirt, the guy said with a sarcastic look, "What the fuck are you wearing that for?" "Got it for free," the guy behind the counter retorted. "Huh," the accuser said with a satisfied grimace.

Steven Sacks

Steven — Your mini-mart story is the best example of post-Hegelian, neoexistential reductionism I've read since Jerry Lewis in Person *(by Jerry with Herb Gluck, 1982). — BG*

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Dear Bill,

You cannot comprehend what my daily dose of Zippy means to me. Enclosed you will find a container of Swiss Miss brand hot chocolate. Underlined on the container is the following: "Partially hydrogenated soybean oil (to provide smooth mouth feel)." Do you know about this? Does Zippy know about this? What, metaphysically, does mouth feel feel like?

Andrew DeWeese

Andrew — More to the point, what is the sound of one tongue flapping? — BG

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Dear Mr. Griffith,

Your *Zippy* strip of Sunday, November 28 ("Remote Keyless Entry") is beautiful. I was very much moved. Please congratulate yourself for getting genuine art into a daily newspaper.

R.C. Binstock

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Dear Mr. Griffith,

I'm sure you've heard this already, but I feel a duty to express myself. Your cartoon strip of 10/17/93 was a subjective, unsophisticated and not terribly original parody of Rush Limbaugh based on countless, inaccurate clichés. Can't leftists do any better than that, or might they be suffering from a touch of the ol' sour grapes? And, yes, I *do* have a sense of humor!

Mike Hazzard

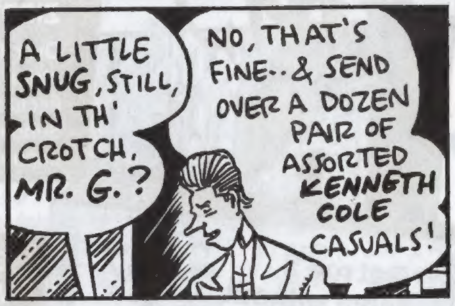
Mike — Actually, since I learned it's Rush Limbaugh inside the "Barney" costume, I realized satire is dead and human evolution is complete. — BG

Babe,

Monet means *money* here on the côte. Wish you were here! Wow! Keanu's people faxed the clippings. Do I look surprised? Hey, Boy Wonder… "Noble, lush and ironic" — *N.Y. Times*. "Both defines and transforms a generation" — *U.S.A. Today*. Et tu, Brunei? Screw the "Cahiers" crowd, the buzz on the côte is Art and *unreal* gross receipts. Ha! We're all learning to say "Split screen. Alternate endings!" en Français — and *must* see this film. Can that be John Tesh's first score? Everyone says it's transcendent! Love sans changes.

T.

T. — Your letter seems to be in reference to the series "Zippy: th' Emotion Picture". What have you directed recently? Touch base soon and let's do lunch. — BG



A LITTLE SNUG, STILL, IN TH' CROTCH, MR. G.?
NO, THAT'S FINE.. & SEND OVER A DOZEN PAIR OF ASSORTED KENNETH COLE CASUALS!

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Dear Bill Griffith,

When I read your comic strip I often yearn to find something to criticize (besides the occasional boring strip when you've beaten an idea to death, e.g., the Waco/coffee series). Not that I don't like *Zippy* — I do, indeed. But, as I'm sure you'd be the first to admit, Griffy is critical about lots o' things (some of which I agree with) — to the point, sometimes, where I'd like to flick his little head with my fingernail. And then as I read the comix today, lo and behold! In your very own hand — a misspelled word! There it is — on January 3, 1994, the third panel, Griffy: "in *it's* watercolors, th' world had an idyllic glow…" Ah, well. Does my heart good to find out the Griff has a fault not related to his overzealous eye for the banal.

Pat Edwards

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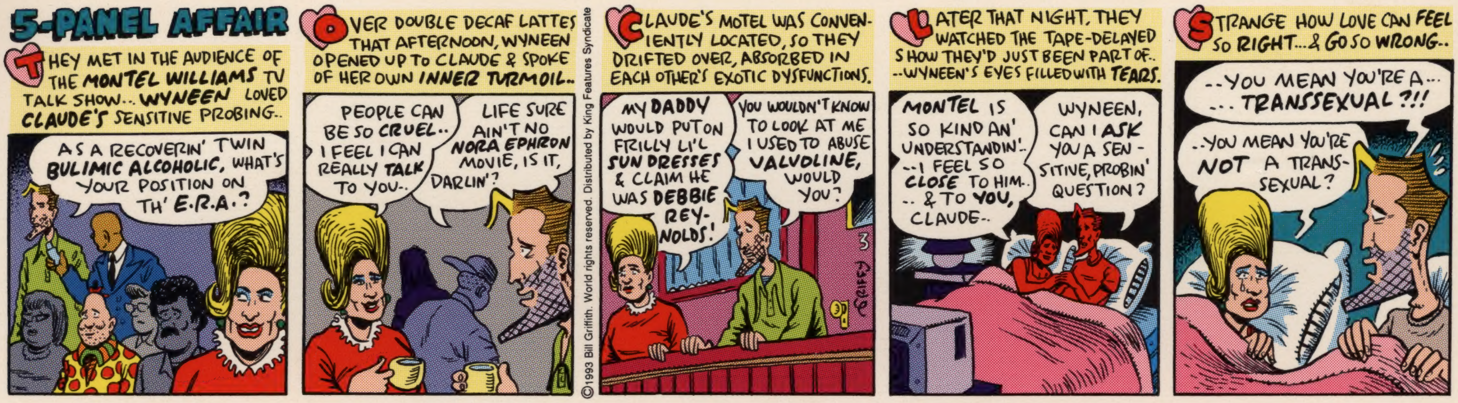
Dear Griffy,

I'd like to point out several probable diagnoses for our polka-dotted celebrity since it seems to be very important to correctly label all mental aberrations in our wonderfully vacuous society. (Pls., note: it's only important to get the labeling correct, it isn't necessary to treat the causes or symptoms). The Zipster is obviously suffering from one or more forms of *dyslexia*, which specifically refers to reading disorders although its more common usage refers to any sort of learning disorder (not caused by mental or physical illness). He also appears to suffer from *aphasia*, a partial or total loss of the ability to articulate ideas or comprehend spoken or written language, resulting from damage to the brain caused by injury or disease. (Too many Ding-Dongs and/or polysorbate 60 may be to blame here). *Dysanagnosia*, an inability to comprehend certain words and *dysmentia*, a disturbance in intellectual function, are two more conditions the Zip-Man appears to suffer from; as well as *dyslogia*, impairment of the reasoning faculty.

Roy Henock


5-PANEL AFFAIR
THEY MET IN THE AUDIENCE OF THE MONTEL WILLIAMS TV TALK SHOW... WYNEEN LOVED CLAUDE'S SENSITIVE PROBING..
AS A RECOVERIN' TWIN BULIMIC ALCOHOLIC, WHAT'S YOUR POSITION ON TH' E.R.A.?
OVER DOUBLE DECAF LATTES THAT AFTERNOON, WYNEEN OPENED UP TO CLAUDE & SPOKE OF HER OWN INNER TURMOIL..
PEOPLE CAN BE SO CRUEL.. I FEEL I CAN REALLY TALK TO YOU..
LIFE SURE AIN'T NO NORA EPHRON MOVIE, IS IT, DARLIN'?
CLAUDE'S MOTEL WAS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED, SO THEY DRIFTED OVER, ABSORBED IN EACH OTHER'S EXOTIC DYSFUNCTIONS.
MY DADDY WOULD PUT ON FRILLY LI'L SUN DRESSES & CLAIM HE WAS DEBBIE REYNOLDS!
YOU WOULDN'T KNOW TO LOOK AT ME I USED TO ABUSE VALVOLINE, WOULD YOU?
GRIFFY
LATER THAT NIGHT, THEY WATCHED THE TAPE-DELAYED SHOW THEY'D JUST BEEN PART OF.. ..WYNEEN'S EYES FILLED WITH TEARS.
MONTEL IS SO KIND AN' UNDERSTANDIN'.. ..I FEEL SO CLOSE TO HIM.. ..& TO YOU, CLAUDE..
WYNEEN, CAN I ASK YOU A SENSITIVE, PROBIN' QUESTION?
STRANGE HOW LOVE CAN FEEL SO RIGHT... & GO SO WRONG..
..YOU MEAN YOU'RE A... ...TRANSSEXUAL?!!
..YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT A TRANSSEXUAL?
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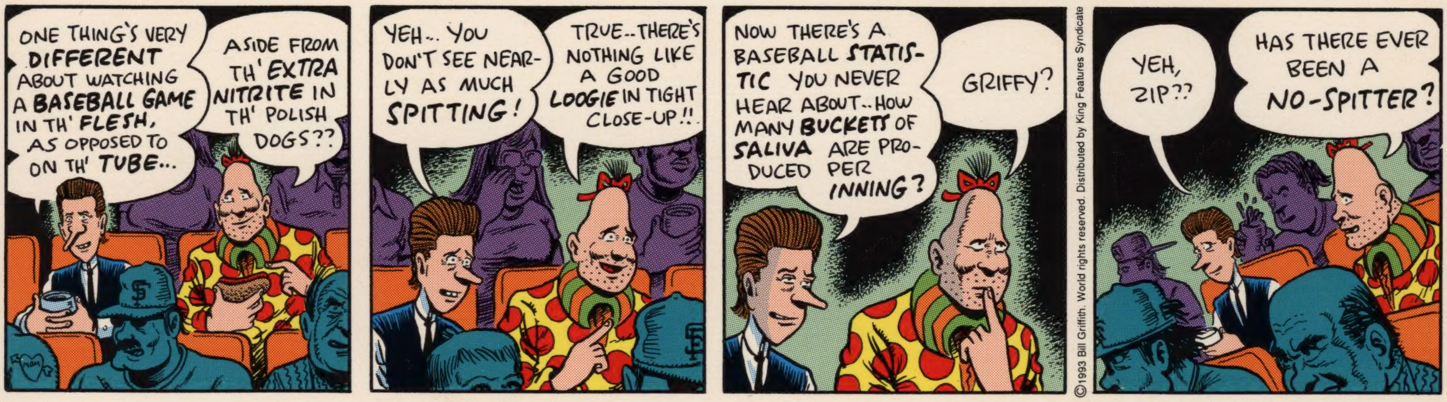
ONE THING'S VERY DIFFERENT ABOUT WATCHING A BASEBALL GAME IN TH' FLESH, AS OPPOSED TO ON TH' TUBE..
ASIDE FROM TH' EXTRA NITRITE IN TH' POLISH DOGS??
YEH.. YOU DON'T SEE NEARLY AS MUCH SPITTING!
TRUE.. THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A GOOD LOOGIE IN TIGHT CLOSE-UP!!
NOW THERE'S A BASEBALL STATISTIC YOU NEVER HEAR ABOUT.. HOW MANY BUCKETS OF SALIVA ARE PRODUCED PER INNING?
GRIFFY?
YEH, ZIP??
HAS THERE EVER BEEN A NO-SPITTER?
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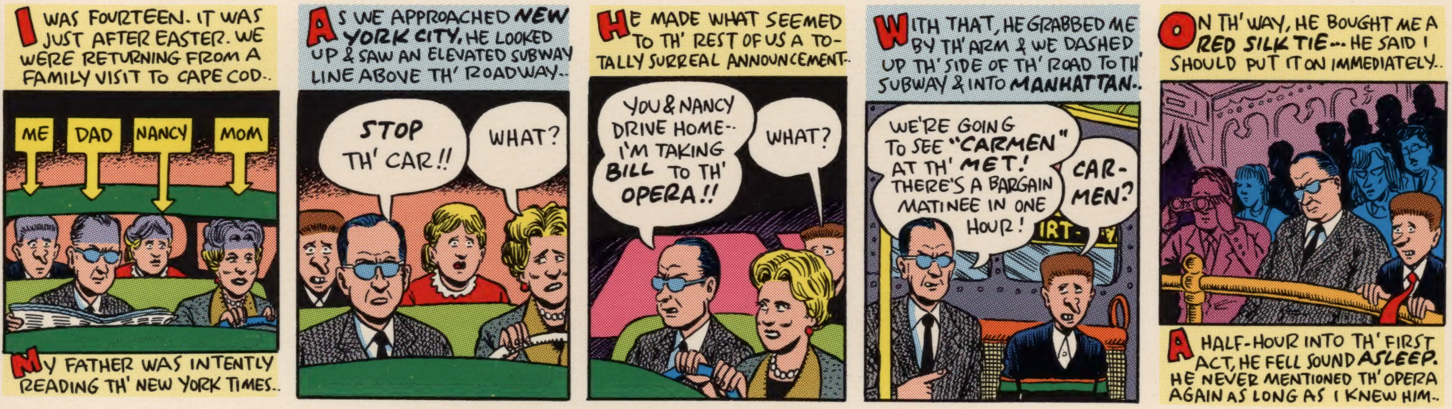
I WAS FOURTEEN. IT WAS JUST AFTER EASTER. WE WERE RETURNING FROM A FAMILY VISIT TO CAPE COD..
ME
DAD
NANCY
MOM
MY FATHER WAS INTENTLY READING TH' NEW YORK TIMES..
AS WE APPROACHED NEW YORK CITY, HE LOOKED UP & SAW AN ELEVATED SUBWAY LINE ABOVE TH' ROADWAY..
STOP TH' CAR!!
WHAT?
HE MADE WHAT SEEMED TO TH' REST OF US A TOTALLY SURREAL ANNOUNCEMENT..
YOU & NANCY DRIVE HOME.. I'M TAKING BILL TO TH' OPERA!!
WHAT?
WITH THAT, HE GRABBED ME BY TH' ARM & WE DASHED UP TH' SIDE OF TH' ROAD TO TH' SUBWAY & INTO MANHATTAN..
WE'RE GOING TO SEE "CARMEN" AT TH' MET! THERE'S A BARGAIN MATINEE IN ONE HOUR!
CARMEN?
IRT
ON TH' WAY, HE BOUGHT ME A RED SILK TIE.. HE SAID I SHOULD PUT IT ON IMMEDIATELY..
A HALF-HOUR INTO TH' FIRST ACT, HE FELL SOUND ASLEEP. HE NEVER MENTIONED TH' OPERA AGAIN AS LONG AS I KNEW HIM..
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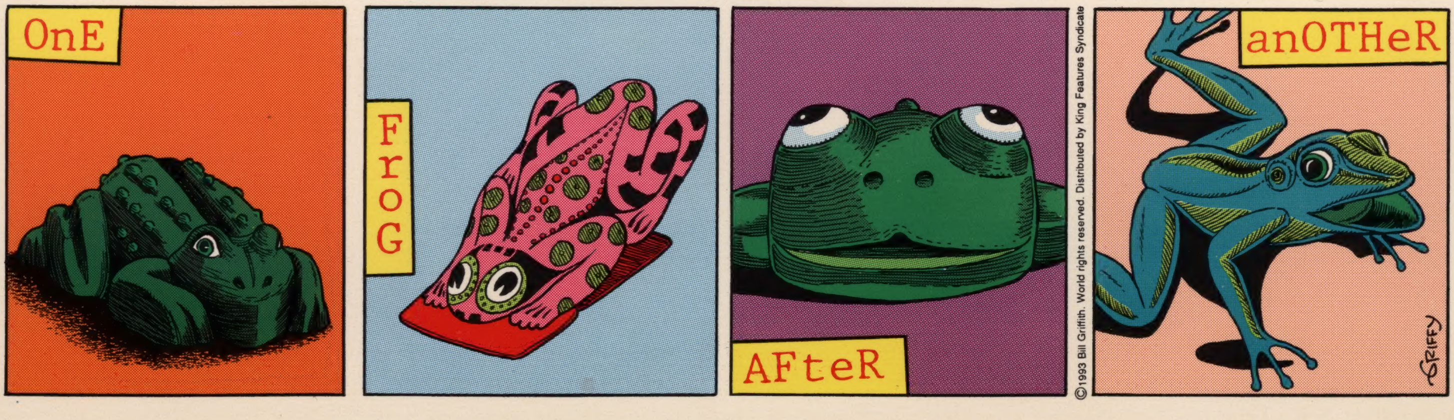
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AFteR
anOTHeR
GRIFFY
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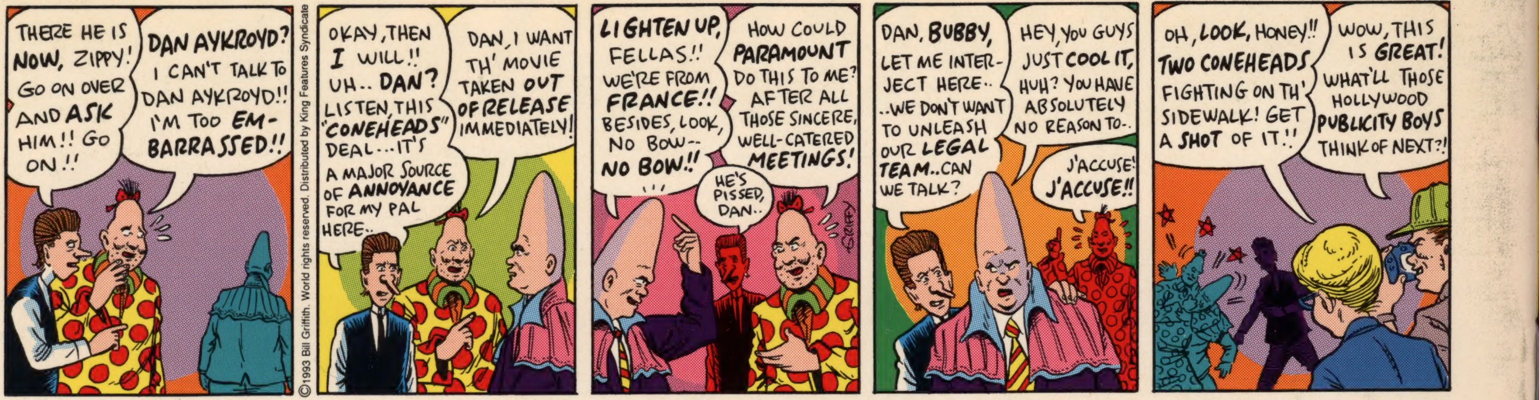
THERE HE IS NOW, ZIPPY! GO ON OVER AND ASK HIM!! GO ON.!!
DAN AYKROYD? I CAN'T TALK TO DAN AYKROYD!! I'M TOO EMBARRASSED!!
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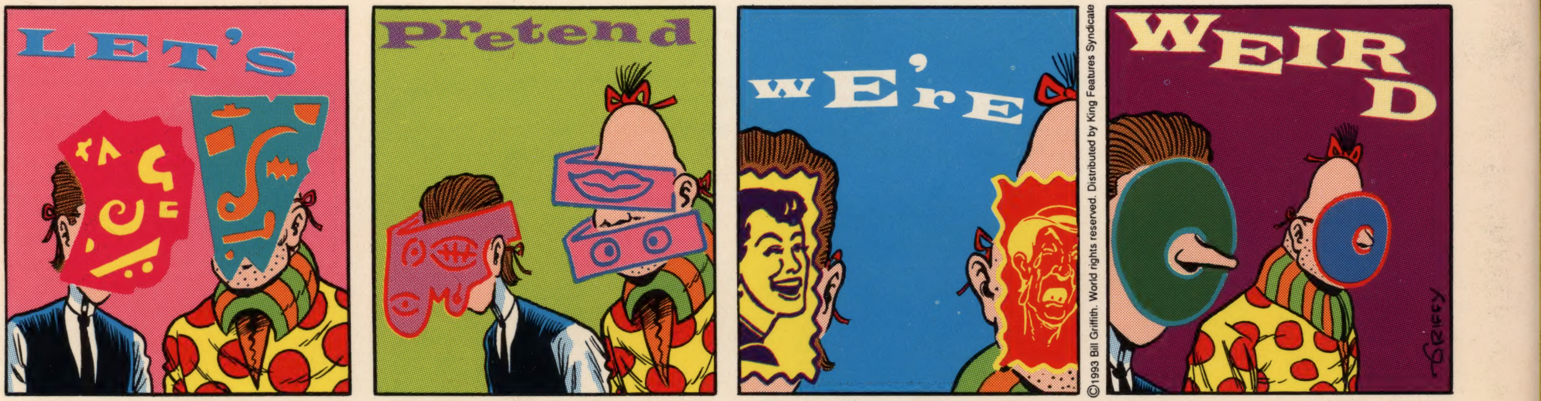
OKAY, THEN I WILL!! UH.. DAN? LISTEN, THIS "CONEHEADS" DEAL...IT'S A MAJOR SOURCE OF ANNOYANCE FOR MY PAL HERE..
DAN, I WANT TH' MOVIE TAKEN OUT OF RELEASE IMMEDIATELY!
LIGHTEN UP, FELLAS!! WE'RE FROM FRANCE!! BESIDES, LOOK, NO BOW-- NO BOW!!
HOW COULD PARAMOUNT DO THIS TO ME? AFTER ALL THOSE SINCERE, WELL-CATERED MEETINGS!
HE'S PISSED, DAN..
GRIFFY
DAN, BUBBY, LET ME INTERJECT HERE.. ..WE DON'T WANT TO UNLEASH OUR LEGAL TEAM..CAN WE TALK?
HEY, YOU GUYS JUST COOL IT, HUH? YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO REASON TO-..
J'ACCUSE! J'ACCUSE!!
OH, LOOK, HONEY!! TWO CONEHEADS FIGHTING ON TH' SIDEWALK! GET A SHOT OF IT!!
WOW, THIS IS GREAT! WHAT'LL THOSE HOLLYWOOD PUBLICITY BOYS THINK OF NEXT?!


LET'S
pretend
wE'rE
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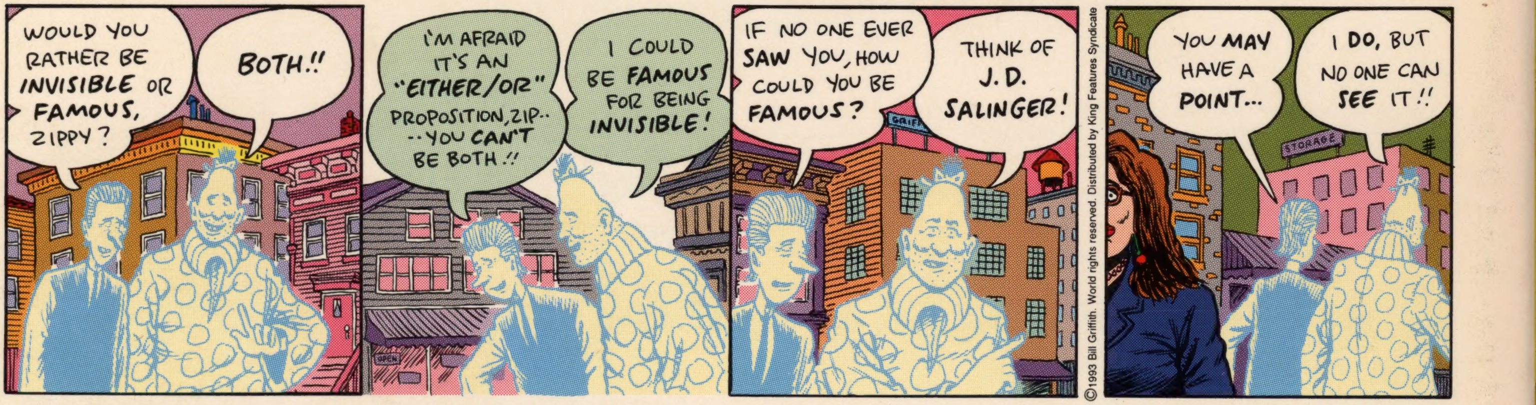
WEIRD
GRIFFY


WOULD YOU RATHER BE INVISIBLE OR FAMOUS, ZIPPY?
BOTH!!
I'M AFRAID IT'S AN "EITHER/OR" PROPOSITION, ZIP.. ..YOU CAN'T BE BOTH!!
I COULD BE FAMOUS FOR BEING INVISIBLE!
IF NO ONE EVER SAW YOU, HOW COULD YOU BE FAMOUS?
THINK OF J.D. SALINGER!
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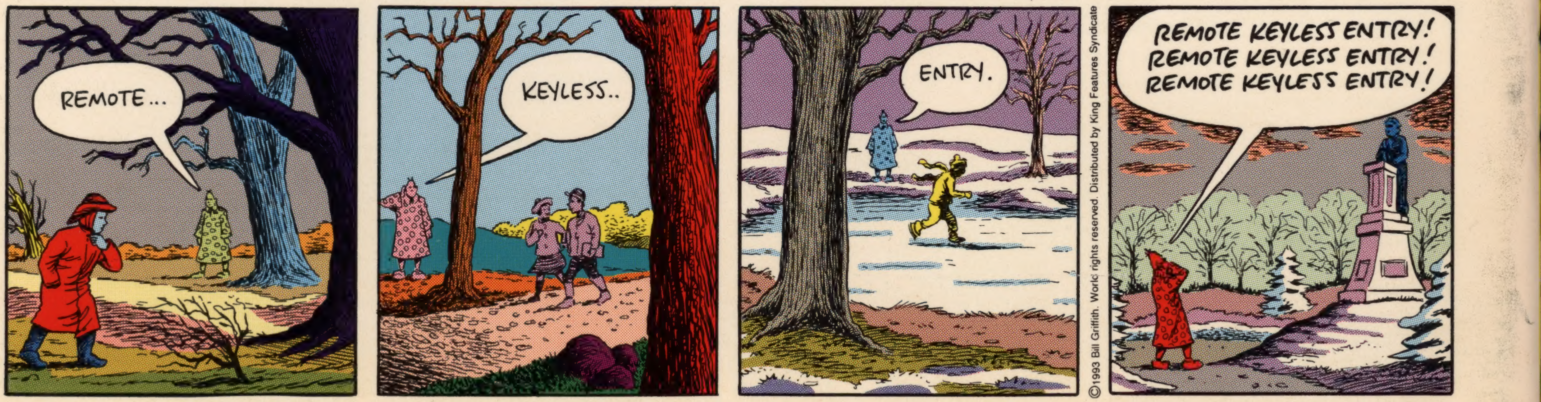
YOU MAY HAVE A POINT...
I DO, BUT NO ONE CAN SEE IT!!


REMOTE...
KEYLESS..
ENTRY.
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"The idea for 'Coneheads' was predicated from my seeing daguerrotype plates of Circus Pinheads, made in France at the turn of the century. I never saw 'Zippy' until Griffith made (his) claim years back."

—Dan Aykroyd